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*"The foundation of every State is the education of its youth."—Dionysius.*

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## Tilden's Statue of Junipero Serra



PRESENTED TO THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO BY JAMES D. PHELAN. (See next page.)

COURTESY OF THE SAN FRANCISCO MONITOR. 

## Tilden's Latest Statue

November 12, 1907.

Hon. Edward R. Taylor,  
Mayor of San Francisco.

Dear Sir—At a meeting before the disaster of April, 1906, Right Reverend P. W. Rior-dan, Archbishop of San Francisco, expressed regret that no monument has been erected in the chief city of California in honor of the founder of the California Missions; or, as the historian describes Padre Junipero Serra, "The founder of Alta California." This distinguished Franciscan missionary represents in his life work the beginning of civilization in California.

It is true we possess a memorial of the great missionary in the old Mission itself, named after the patron Saint of the Franciscan order, San Francisco de Asissi, and under whose hospitable roof for about ten days, in the month of May, 1784, Padre Serra dwelt. It is the pride of our city. This old building, still intact, has for one hundred and fifteen years withstood the ravages of decay, of earthquake and of fire, and thus demonstrates to the world the stability of the peninsula of San Francisco and the merits of the simple and honest construction of another generation.

Padre Junipero Serra deserves well of all Californians, and I am sure all Californians will unite in doing him honor; and, acting in this spirit, and at the Archbishop's suggestion, I have caused to be erected a statue, the work of our native sculptor, Douglas Tilden, which I now desire to formally present through you to the City of San Francisco.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) JAMES D. PHELAN.

With the above words, in a letter to the Mayor of San Francisco, Hon. James D. Phelan last November formally presented the Douglas Tilden statue of Padre Junipero Serra to the city. The statue was unveiled Sunday afternoon in Golden Gate Park, in the midst of a gathering of nearly 3,000 people.

Mr. Phelan was not present, and his letter tendering the statue was read by Senator C. M. Belshaw, chairman of the committee of the Native Sons of the Golden West, under whose auspices the ceremonies took place.

The statue is the work of Douglas Tilden, and, as will be seen from the picture on first page, is heroic in treatment. The poise and expression are both militant and spiritual, and the use of the cross deeply suggestive of the one and only weapon the padres of long ago used in their warfare for Christ. The figure, thirty feet in height, is of bronze, and stands on fifteen-foot base of granite designed by Edward Matthews. The inscriptions on the monument are as follows:

Left side: "Dedicated by the Native Sons of the Golden West, November 17, 1907."

Front: "Padre Junipero Serra, Founder of the California Missions, 1713-1784."

Right side: "Mission San Francisco de Asissi (Mission Dolores), Founded October 9, 1776."

### Miss Keller Guest in Montgomery

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Saturday.—Our first event of the week was the most notable in society. It was a reception tendered to Miss Helen Keller, the noted Alabama deaf, dumb and blind girl, by the Federation of Women's Clubs. The charming presence of Miss Keller was accentuated by that of a brilliant, receiving party, among whom were Mmes. Phares Coleman, William A. Gayle, W. H. Hudson, W. H. Seymour, H. C. Gunnells, E. D. Thames, W. L. Durr and Leon Well, the respective heads of the Montgomery literary civic women's bodies.—N. Y. Herald, January 12.



9TH CONVENTION MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, ST. PAUL, MINN., SEPT. 4-7, '07.

### The Happiest People

WHO are the happiest people? Anywhere and under any circumstances we meet people who, by reason of their sincere speech and unaffected manners, inspire us with a wholesomeness that is delightful in the extreme. Perhaps we may see them for only a little while, but after we have parted we very often feel that we are irresistibly forced to remember them.

But if we chance to form an acquaintance and come to know them better, it surprises us to know that we respect and reverence so much as their mere presence.

Why is it thus? It is because we feel intuitively that we have met some of the best and happiest people.

As we go our way again we ponder over happiness. We wonder why some people are so happy, apparently without cause or effort. At times it may seem unfair to us, that is if we feel jealous.

We have seen and believed them really blessed with an ever present calmness and buoyancy of spirit. But from what source is all this we cannot understand. We do not know that we are ignorant—most of us are, any way. It is stupid of us to try to solve a way by which we could be happier. There is only one way, the Christian way.

The happiest people are the real philosophers of the world without themselves being aware of it. They have the sorrows and trials which are common to all mankind, but because of the Christian force within them they refuse to be made unhappy by contraries.

They are the men and women who awaken each day with the love and fear of God in their hearts. This feeling they carry with them throughout the day. It enables them to feel, each man and each woman his and her own self-importance. It teaches them self-reliance and satisfaction.

Again, I say we meet these people anywhere. We may find them in all classes of society and in all conditions. Even the afflicted are not exempt. We may find a blind man or a blind woman that seems perfectly happy—and he or she probably is—in spite of the blindness. So we may find like instances among the deaf, and the otherwise afflicted.

The happiest people live essentially in the present, finding as little as possible to grumble over in a way to lower dignity and to waste time and effort. Future prospect, however beckoning, do not tempt them out of the more-important present.

They believe that the Creator intended that they should be equally endowed,—spiritually,

mentally and physically. And so they try to be as much as it is within their power to be. They are the people who neither affirm nor deny anything that taxes the intellect and strains the feelings. This they believe tends too much in the direction forbidden by the Creator,—a fact which is proven again and again by despair and suicide, or insanity.

ALICE TAYLOR TERRY.

### The Masonic Order Again

TO THE EDITOR:—Please allow me space in your very valuable paper to reply to "Pansy" on "things Masonic." It may doubtless give her much satisfaction to know it was widely read and taken cognizance of. She has knowingly opened a discussion which she knows to have been closed.

Several things offered a pretext for doing so. One is a desire to assist a friend who, if she really belongs to the masonic order waited six years before letting the fact become known. Another is a desire to arrange the Catholic Religion against Free Masonry.

Pansy's "very good authority" is wholly off the track. Mrs. Morin never has embraced the Catholic faith. Her marriage to Mr. Morin was by the Chancellor of the diocese of Syracuse at his residence and that is as far as she has gone toward that religion. What Pansy says of the make-up of the membership in the O. E. S. is practically correct. She might go a little further and add that all master masons are considered members, and at O. E. S. meetings they always have a very, usually a leading part in the business of the meeting.

No part of the rituals were ever transmitted to writing for Mrs. Morin's benefit. She had to rely upon her ability to read lips and her prompt admittance is proof of her ability. The fact was stated in a previous letter and is herewith repeated for Pansy's benefit.

Mrs. Morin's arrangement of Mr. Wyand was not severe. It was a correction of facts, which should not have been allowed to stand. We are, and always will be, glad for any of the deaf who are admitted into any fraternal order.

Mrs. Morin has the best proof of her membership in letters from Syracuse Lodge, No. 501, F. and A. M. and from Syracuse Chapter No. 70, O. E. S., commending her to the consideration of all brother and sister lodges in the world.

We do not deny that Mrs. Smith may be a member of the O. E. S., and in that case Mrs. Morin is ready to withdraw her belief of having been first. We are acquainted with Mrs. Smith, and have met her later than 1901, yet she never mentioned things masonic.

The SILENT WORKER readers may recall Pansy wrote: "So it may be said the ideas on this subject, which I commit to paper, may some day be made into a library of thoughts, and whereas the



mind from which they were given birth will have perished." Now has not that statement a presumption of egotistic vanity? If not, then we hope Pansy's name may be carved in letters of gold in the book of the International Hall of Fame, along with the most illustrious names of ancient and modern times.

Omar Klayyam in the Rubiyat says:

Alike of those who for To-day prepare,  
And those that after come To-morrow stare,  
A Muezzin from the Town of Darkness cries,  
"Fools, your Reward is neither here nor there."  
Why, all the Saints and Sages who discuss'd  
Of the Two Worlds so wisely—they are thrust,  
The foolish Prophets forth, their Words to Scorn  
Are scattered, and their mouths are stop'd with dust."

And, as they say in government circles, the Incident is closed.

ANNA MCGOWAN MORIN.

### Denver, Colorado

The Denver Association of the Deaf met at its hall on the evening of the 31st ult., to bid good bye to the Old Year and welcome the New Year. While waiting for the arrival of 12 o'clock midnight, the

John R. Miles, a deaf nephew of the famous General Nelson Miles, the first deaf pioneer of Routt County, in this State, is spending his holidays in Denver with his brother. He favors the Lessley and Reid families with frequent calls. He is an old hunter and entertains the deaf in general very well by telling stories of his adventures in that sparsely populated county. He is considered a very intelligent fellow. He was educated at the Maryland School and spent a few months at Galaudet College.

Mr. Harbert, the oldest officer, and one of the most respected officers of the Colorado School, spent new Year's Day with the Lessley and Reids. Prof. Campbell, of the same school, spent the evening at the same house.

The Kent and Sparling families, which had residences close to the Mount family since two years ago, have now deserted that locality, having moved many blocks away from the Mount house.

Dr. Argo kindly gave the Denver Association a very good lecture on the late panic, on the 17th ult., for which he has our warm, heartfelt thanks.

Tommy Collins, while spending his Christmas vacation in Denver with his relatives, took opportunity to work in the printing shop of his cousin, Frank Lessley, thus earning additional experience

ary; and Mrs. Dixon, as treasurer. Their meetings take place at the homes of Sparling, Dixon and Mount by turns. This club is about one year old.

The great majority of the deaf-mutes of Denver were greatly delighted to read the splendid article written for the SILENT WORKER of last month by Mr. R. E. Maynard. This article is mighty true from beginning to end. Hats off to that gentleman!

January 8, 1908.

LAWRENCE.

### Deaf People Form Organization

The deaf people of Kalamazoo, about 40 in number, met in the basement of Parson's Business college building Saturday, January 4th, and organized a society named "The Kalamazoo Society of the Deaf." The following officers were elected: Daniel Tellier of 1130 W. North street, president; Ivers Tenney, vice-president; Mrs. Amelia Voisine, secretary; Mrs. Frank Adams, treasurer, and Fred Wheeler, sergeant-at-arms. The officers will hold office for one year. The members meet every three weeks. The chief object of the society just organized is for literacy and social enjoyment.

### Birthday Surprise Party

At her parents' home, on the corner of Beaubien street and Piquette avenue, Detroit, Mich., Mrs. Jennie Metz, nee Miss Jennie Bates, was agreeably surprised on the evening of Jan. 15th, by the arrival of 35 of her friends and relatives who came to celebrate her twenty-seventh birthday. Mrs. Metz was the pleased recipient of a handsome umbrella and picture, ("The Young Mother"). Presentation speeches were made by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pettit. An elaborate lunch was served and the last of the jovial participants departed in the wee hours of the morning. The following were present: Misses Mabel Sweetingham, Helen Adams, Estella Tucker, Grace and Iva Bates, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McCraig, Mr. and Mrs. John Hellers, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pettit, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. John Berry, Mr. and Mrs. McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Bates, Mrs. C. Smith, Messrs. Wm. Behrendt, John Polk, Fred Bourceir, Fred Tremaine, Clyde R. Barnett, Ralph Hansel and Fred Lange.

### To a Deaf Girl

It sends its intellectual fires  
On pathways like electric wires.  
And thou, sweet flower of maidenhood,  
So artless, sprightly, pure and good,  
There is a language in thy face  
And in thy look a nameless grace  
That charm, although thy lips are mute,  
Far more than viol, harp or lute.

Though deaf thine ear to earthly sound,  
Thy brow is with a halo crowned;  
I love to read that tablet fair,  
For thought is deeply written there;  
And eloquent expression plays  
On thy bright features while I gaze,  
By which my spirit's depths are stirred  
More than beauty's spoken word;  
But feebly can the bard portray  
The magic of thy silent sway.

No sad bereavement can control;  
There is a fount within the soul,  
What trials seems, perchance is sent  
To keep thee pure and innocent,  
For inlets that pollution bring,  
And years of bitter sorrowing,  
Have often proved both tongue and ear  
In this dread world of doubt and fear.  
The savage curse and oath profane  
Have never shocked thy heart and brain,  
And unto thee the boon is given,  
Though deaf and dumb, to dream of Heaven.

—Facts, Anecdotes and Poetry of the Deaf.



WATCH NIGHT PARTY GIVEN BY THE DENVER ASSOCIATION, AT CHARLES BLOCK, DENVER, COL., DECEMBER, 31st, 1907.

Reading from left to right,

*Top Row*.—Albert Barton, John Wear, Hugh M. Harbert, of Colorado Springs, Col.; Mr. Jacoby, Mr. Capehart, James Osborn, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Roy Fraser, Tommy Collins, E. Harney, John R. Miles, of Steamboat Springs, Col.; Edward C. Campbell, of Colorado Springs, Col.; Enos Laughran.

*Second Row*.—Joe Condon, Mr. McTigue, Jacob Schmandt, Ralph Connel, Franklin W. Garrison, of Pueblo Col.; Secretary Edward H. McGowan, Sergeant-at-Arms Frank A. Lessley, Clyde T. Cowhick, of Rocky Ford, Col.; George Hill, James Yost, Daniel Decker, Adolph Peterson, Karl Knudsen, James W. Horton, Pennie Cunningham, Treasurer E. E. Smith.

*Third Row*.—Miss Woodward, Mrs. Fred L. Reid, Vice-President Miss Hattie M. Kennedy, Miss Guertha Edmonds, Miss Lillian Watson, Miss Annie Collins, of Fort Collins, Col.; Mrs. Frank A. Lessley with Miss Maud Lessley, Miss Edna Drumm, Miss Georgia Tremblay, Mrs. Enos Laughran, Mrs. Joseph Capehart, Miss Ethel Young; Miss Coral Barton, Miss Sadie Young, of Colorado Springs, Col.

*Bottom Row*.—H. Metcalf, Stephen Janovick, James Tuskey with Miss Grace Lessley, President Max J. Kestner, Thomas Y. Northern, of Rocky Ford, Col.; Stephen McGinnity.

Historian Fred L. Reid not in the picture.

members entertained a large number of friends of the club having just come to Denver from the Colorado School for the Deaf and other towns, to join them in seeing the Old Year off and the New Year in. The amusements were card playing, dancing, chatting, etc. This meeting was surprisingly large—the largest meeting since the Association was organized viz: the persons attending the meeting were forty-nine. If the missing members, who were unavoidably kept at home, had been there, the number would have been close to sixty.

Superb refreshments were served just before the meeting adjourned, everyone having enjoyed himself or herself wonderfully well.

On New Year's Day the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Lessley was full of visitors from afternoon till after midnight, as was the case on Christmas Day.

On the night of the 4th inst., the Denver Association had a business meeting which lasted about two hours, and then proceeded to elect its new officers as follows:—Max Kestner, president; Hathe Kunedy, vice-president; Edwin McGowan, secretary; E. Smith, treasurer; F. A. Lessley, sergeant-at-arms; F. L. Reid, historian, F. A. Lessley refused all of the offices offered to him one after another, except that of sergeant-at-arms, the object of the offer being to put him on the Board of Directors where he always renders valuable services to the club.

A few days before the election of officers, the Denver League club met to select its new officers. Mr. G. W. Veditz, acting as that small club's moderator, appointed J. Sparling, as president; F. Mount, as vice-president; Katie Mount, as secret-

## Chicago

THERE are 2,433,434 deaf persons in the United States, and the lucky creatures won't be able to hear the spellbinders next summer.—*Chicago Journal*.

If the above figures (leaving out the "thankful" aspect) are true, we are growing some.

There was a good debate last Saturday, the 23rd of November. The subject was: Resolved, That the Confederate States had no right to secede from the Union.—*Kentucky Standard*.

We are under the impression that this question had been settled some forty years ago and are sorry to see our Kentucky friends so far behind the times.

In a recent account of a Michigan visit of the Rev. Mr. Mann, the *Journal* prints the following touching on his stop at Flint:

The service was in the evening of the 14th. On the following morning, service was taken at the Institution Chapel, with a compulsory attendance of about 350 pupils.

Our friend Donnelly will probably get some more "ammunition" from the above extract, but that word "compulsory" does look queer after all we have been reading of the denials that there is anything of the kind in these school chapel services.

Charitable people interested in the care of Roman Catholic deaf-mute children have inaugurated a movement to purchase the building at 485 West Taylor street, long occupied by the Sacred Heart convent, and now for sale. They have begun the solicitation of a fund for the purpose, under the authorization of Archbishop Quigley.

Catholic children afflicted in this manner have been educated in the Ephpheta school since 1884, while they have been sheltered at St. Joseph's Home for Working Girls, 409 South May street. The crowded conditions have handicapped the work in both institutions.

It is believed a new home for the deaf-mute children will be a material improvement for both institutions.—*Chicago Tribune*.

The appointment of the Rev. George Flick to take charge of the Episcopal church work among the deaf of this district is a most pleasing one.

The following advertisement, taken from the personal column of the *Chicago Tribune*, is an example of how one's deafness may become part of one's stock in trade sometimes. We wonder if the advertiser found his deafness interfered with his appreciation of the book.

PERSONAL—I am stone deaf and have a book. Methone of Prayer; 200 pages printed in 1727; splendid condition. What you bid?

Should any of our readers wish to "bid" we have the advertiser's address.

We are sorry to see the Gallaudet boys holding a debate and deciding that women should not receive the same wages as men for work or service of equal value. They are too near the home of the trust buster to allow such views to become public—to say nothing of its unfairness.

The Pas-a-Pas club has taken official not-

ice of the efforts to have the civil service laws, as they effect the deaf, changed and has sent its memorial on the matter to the senators and congressmen of the Chicago districts.

Chicago Division, N. F. S. D., held its installation of officers December 28, and had

with the same advantages—with everything money can supply—and it's hard to see where the "pride of the deaf" comes in. What has she done that she should be their "pride" any more than any of our self-supporting, public spirited, deaf young women? Any one of the Gallaudet lassies who went through



Flashlight photograph of a company of deaf Chicagoans gathered at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Craig on December 14, 1907, in honor of Miss Ernestine Fisch, of Cleveland, O., who was visiting in that city as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Roberts. The picture was taken by H. A. Brimble. Those who appear in the group are: F. Kaufman, Mr. Tanzas, Mr. Rowse, H. Hart, Mrs. Sonneborn, Mrs. Roberts, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Heyman, Miss McNiece, Mrs. Craig, Miss Mark, Ed. Hart, Mrs. Dougherty, Ed. Kingon, Dr. Dougherty, Mrs. Watson, M. Sonneborn, Miss Dunn, Miss Lutz, Rev. H. Rutherford, Mrs. Kingon, Miss Tanzas, J. E. Gallaher, Miss Fisch, Mrs. Frank, Mrs. Lefi, Mr. Frank, Mr. Liebenstein, Mrs. Brimble, Mr. Friday, Mr. Codman, Mrs. Kaufman, Mr. Greene, Master Brimble and Mr. Craig.

as its guest that evening John H. Mueller, of Cincinnati, the Society's Recording Secretary. Mr. Mueller was enroute to Washington, where he enters Gallaudet to complete his course. After the ceremonies the evening was given up to impromptu addresses, and closed with the usual refreshments and a "flash light."

The Pas-a-Pas club's Lit gave a reading by C. C. Codman, December 28, for the benefit of the Home fund. Mr. Codman took the audience of 65 "around the world in 80 minutes."

The *Illinois Advance*, of January 13, says the Home fund now amounts to \$4,443.30, of which amount \$1,471.29 is credited to Chicago. John DeGraff, of Harvey, Ill., recently made the largest individual subscription yet credited, \$100, and one that is all the more appreciated when it is remembered that Mr. DeGraff is simply one of the "common people."

The *Deaf American* seems to be having an up-hill struggle, to judge by the editorials and articles urging support. It is too bad that such an ably edited, newsy sheet has to have such a hard time of it to keep going—but it seems to be the rule as far back as we can go that things for and by the deaf do not get the support they should.

The *Deaf American* article about Miss Crane, the daughter of a millionaire father, is a most interesting one, but it's hard to see why it should be captioned, "The Pride of the Deaf." There are hundreds, if not thousands, of deaf girls who could do just as much, if not more, than Miss Crane has done

the mill at the sacrifice of a lot of little luxuries (and sometimes necessities) of life has a better right to that title; or any of those who have, on leaving the state schools as graduates, plunged into the problems of earning their own way. The reporter for the daily paper, which printed the article, was earning his bread and butter and may be pardoned the seeming "wonderfulness" about the accomplishments he details—but with such a heading the article is woefully out of place in a paper like the *Deaf American*.

At the risk of having "*Et tu Brute*" thrown our way, we remark to our friend "Zeno" that his Shakespearean page in the January issue was wrongly captioned—"Much Ado About Nothing" was probably what was intended. The 1904 campaign of recrimination indulged in by the N. A. D. officials should not be repeated. If politics rubbed someone's fur the wrong way in 1907, no one is to blame but the convention itself.

The *Chicago Journal* prints the following under the head of "Force of Habit:"

"Fine day," said the barber.

No reply.

"Looks a little like snow," he said, as he stropped his razor.

Silence.

"Lots of talk about a third term for Teddy," he said, as he rubbed the lather in.

More silence.

"Got a mighty tender face," he went on, as he made a sweep with the razor. "Don't shave close, do you?"

Profound silence.

"Never like to bleed a man. It looks bad. That's



a mole on your chin, isn't it?"

No reply.

"Once over? Sure. That's enough for a face like yours. What'll you have on your face, witch hazel or lilac? Witch? All right. Always use that myself."

Deep silence.

"A little powder? It takes the shine off, you know. There you are, sir. Pay cashier."

And then the knight of the blade stared round in amazement.

He had been shaving himself.

Wasn't it a relief to find it wasn't one of those old deaf-customer jokes? From "force of habit," that's what we thought it was at first glance.

F. P. GIBSON.

## Stray Straws

NORFOLK, Virginia is surely a very hot place in "the good old summer time"!

It was even hotter than usual on the 4th of July last, for on that day the heat touched the heads of a great many deaf delegates of the N. A. D. convention. The effects of the great heat of that memorable day are evident at this late day and even promise to last until Pike's Peak is reached in the year of our Lord 1910.

There is much joyful entertainment in the New York *Deaf-Mutes' Journal*, the *Deaf American*, and the *SILENT WORKER* these days. Each paper has an aggressive writer and when they get into a mix-up with each other there's fun fast and furious for all on-lookers.

"The world's a stage and all the men and women merely players," so let "Brutus," "Caius Julius Caesar," and "the lean and hungry Cassius" tramp back and forth on the boards now. It's their quarrel, surely, and so let them have it out *a la Shakespeare* while all Rome howls or applauds.

"Brutus" Tilden makes me think of Cyrano de Bergerac—so full of fight "to fill the world with striking generous words and deeds and as the world is slow he must accordingly perform them himself."

Just listen to Cyrano while he fences with the Vicomte, his enemy, and declaims this ballade at the same time suiting the action to the word:

"Of my broad felt made lighter,  
I cast my mantle broad,  
And stand, poet and fighter,  
To do and to record.  
I bow, I draw my sword....  
En garde! with steel and wit  
I play you at first abord....  
At the last line I hit!"

(They begin fencing).

"You should have been politer;  
Where had you best be gored?  
The left side or the right side—ah?  
Or next your azure cord?  
Or where the spleen is stored?  
Or in the stomach pit?  
Come we to quick accord....  
At the last line, I hit!"

You falter, you turn whiter?  
You do so to afford  
Your foe a rhyme in "iter?"  
You thrust at me—I ward—  
And balance is restored.  
Laridon! Look to your spit!....  
No you shall not be floored  
Before my cue to hit!  
(He announces solemnly).

Envoi

Prince, call upon the Lord!

I skirmish....feint a bit....

I lunge!....I keep my word!

(The Vicomte staggers; Cyrano bows)

At the last line, I hit!"

In a story there is a blind character who makes this remark: "People always talk to the blind and smile on the deaf." Quite so! What else could a body do anyway under the circumstances?

Sometimes these kind of remarks about the deaf only cause a smile, but sometimes they act the reverse and bring to mind the assertion of a pessimistic deaf friend that "all the deaf would be better off in six feet of mother earth."

The affable "gentleman from Indiana" remarked that "there is really not a better friend and advocate of the sign-language than Mr. Hecker (ex-editor of the *Silent Hoosier*). He 'doomed' it merely to provoke discussion and succeeded admirably."

Ah! yes, he "succeeded admirably," but anybody who will privately say one thing and then publicly assert the contrary is not likely to be trustworthy.

Better have the courage of one's convictions at all times and in all places.

Sometime ago, I described the fleasome troubles of a fat deaf Californian in Chicago. The famous Californian fleas liked his company too well to leave him even when he left the land of sunshine and flowers.

Well, he recognized himself and his fleas, evidently, for shortly afterwards he sent me a newspaper clipping which told of a Kansas City, Missouri, man wanting to "buy fleas, yes F-l-e-a-s—good, big healthy Southern California fleas." It said the man "runs a circus of fleas all trained by himself."

Ananias evidently is never lacking in disciples—disciples, too, that sometimes beat him all hollow.

California is not the only garden spot where sunny skies and balmy weather prevail this winter!

In Council Bluffs, Iowa, there has only been one gentle fall of the beautiful this winter so far and all the days have been spring-like in mildness. The pupils of the State School for the Deaf in Council Bluffs have become all mixed on the weather and ask if there is going to be any winter this year. The youngest ones actually ask if it is not time for Easter eggs.

The Nebraska School for the Deaf at Omaha has always been isolated from the car-line of the city by a mile, but that's all changed this year. The car-line now extends out far enough to reach the school and go around some, too. Accordingly, all the thereabouts are "puffed up mit pride" and look across the big Muddy at their Iowa sister school with pitying scorn. The Iowa school has two long weary miles of country road between it and the city car-line which, however, is promising to cover up the distance before many moons. So the latter waits with the feeling that "he who laughs last laughs best."

E. F. L.

### A Startling Pulpit Announcement

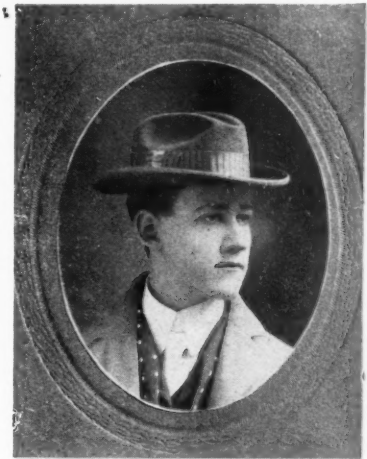
A clergyman anxious to introduce some new hymn-books directed his clerk to give out the notice in regard to them immediately after the sermon. The clerk, however, had a notice of his own to give out with reference to the baptism of infants. Accordingly at the close of the sermon, he rose and

announced: "All those, who have children they wish to have baptized will please send their names at once to the clerk." The clergyman, who was deaf, assuming that the clerk was giving out the hymn-book notice, immediately rose and said: "And I should say, for the benefit of those who haven't any, that they may be obtained at the vestry any day from three to four o'clock; the ordinary little ones at one shilling each, and special ones with red backs at one shilling and fourpence."—Selected from the *Vermont Chronicle*.

### Three Happy Events

During the past few weeks three interesting and happy weddings have taken place among the deaf in Canada, all of whom are well-known parties, and much respected.

On December 11th last, Miss Henrietta Hammell, of Bradford, Ont., and Mr. Nelson Wood, of Ham-



MR. NELSON WOOD.

ilton, Ont., were happily made man and wife and both are now comfortably settled in a cosy home



MRS. NELSON WOOD,  
Formerly Miss Henrietta Hammell.

in Hamilton. Both are graduates of the Belleville School.

On December 31st, Miss Rosa A. Moore, of Toronto, became the happy bride of Mr. Edward A. Leslie, of Cupar, Sask., the well-known young farmer of the West. They were married at the Winnipeg, Man., School for the Deaf. Both are graduates of the Belleville School for the Deaf, and are now living at Cupar, Sask.

On January first, Mr. Napoleon Clements, of Toronto and Miss Albini Dorion, of Montreal, were made one for life and are now living in Toronto. Those two are graduates of the MacKay Institute for the Deaf in Montreal.

We wish the above parties all the joy, peace and plenty that Nature can on them bestow, and may their wedded lives be long.

HERBERT W. ROBERTS.

## St. Louis

MR. CHANCY R. BARNES, of St. Paul, in an article on "Public Day Schools for the Deaf" which he contributed to the *New York School Journal*, refers to St. Louis as having "one of the largest and best day schools in the world." We thank Mr. Barnes for his compliment, but we are obliged to take exception to some other statements which his article contains, one of which is that the principal of the St. Louis school is trying to change it into a boarding school. No such step has ever been attempted or even contemplated. Another statement by Mr. Barnes to the effect that day schools are the resort of incompetent instructors seems to me as lacking in sufficient basis on which to rest. According to my own observation and experience in day school work, covering the past eighteen years, day school teachers are fully up to the average of institution teachers. The great fault of most day schools is not that they are day schools, not that the teachers are incompetent but that they are single method schools. Mr. Barnes speaks of other shortcomings which he believes to exist in day schools, but as they do not apply to the one in St. Louis we pass them by.

While in Oklahoma recently I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Mitch, a prominent newspaper man, of Oklahoma City, and a member of the late constitutional convention of that state. To Mr. Mitch the school for the deaf at Guthrie owes its inception. He first became interested in the deaf while engaged in the preliminary work of establishing the Territorial Normal School when by chance he came across two deaf children of school age. The problem of their education at once suggested itself and he laid the matter before the Governor and others with the result that in due time the first school for the deaf in the territory was opened with thirteen pupils in attendance. Mr. Mitch has ever been an interested and helpful friend of the school, and during the constitutional convention at Guthrie, was a frequent visitor at the school—bringing his friends with him.

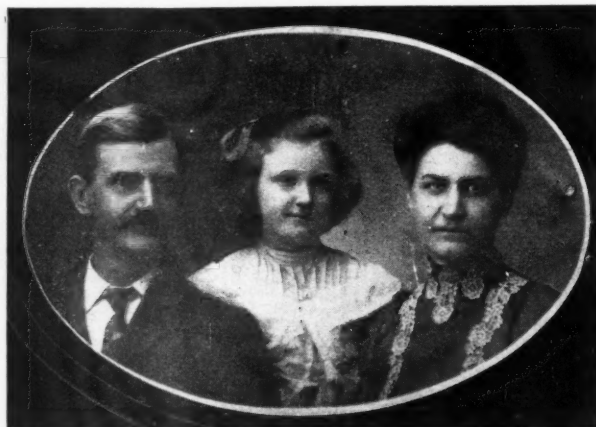
Mr. H. C. Beamger, who had charge of the Oklahoma school for the deaf during the first seven years of its existence, is still a resident of Guthrie but is a helpless invalid from paralysis. His intellectual faculties, however, are unimpaired and his heart-strings are still tied to the school with which he was connected for so long. He attended the recent Christmas festival at the school, but overtaxed his strength and the re-action was so great that for a time grave fears were entertained as to the result.

The Oklahoma school for the deaf at Guthrie under the wise and efficient management of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Dunham, the superintendent and principal, is in a flourishing condition notwithstanding the transition period through which the late territory is passing and the temporary quarters which the school occupies pending the selection of a permanent site and the erection of new buildings by the new state. The attendance, already large, is being constantly increased, chiefly by removals from other states. A visit to the school can not fail to impress one very favorably with the superior educational results attained with

the excellent deportment of the pupils and with the courteous, sympathetic and co-operative spirit manifested by all connected with it. Mrs. Pearl Harrison Dunham, the principal, was for several years a teacher at the Kansas School for the Deaf at Olathe, and is the daughter of deaf parents educated at the Ohio School at Columbus. She is, therefore, in her present work "to the manor born."

The Guthrie School for the Deaf has several desks used by members of the Oklahoma constitutional convention. The value of such pieces of historic furniture will increase in proportion as they become old and worn and they will ever be sources of inspiration to the youth who use them—as are the benches made from the wreckage of the Invincible Armada which we sat on in Jerusalem Chamber, Westminster Abbey.

If a pupil sees in his own school paper incorrect expressions which have been passed by the editor he will naturally think them all right and worthy to follow as models. We have known pupils to use



SUPT. AND MRS. R. N. DUNHAM, OF THE OKLAHOMA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THEIR DAUGHTER.

in the class incorrect expressions they had seen in school papers and for this reason we have been tempted to place a few of the papers in an "Index Expurgatorius" for the pupils. One of the several objects of the school paper is to give reading matter for the pupils and it should follow that the paper should contain only good English.—*Arkansas Optic*.

In the estimation of President Lincoln the pen of Josh Billings was mightier than a whole army. He was a power for good in his day and generation. His influence, however, was chiefly felt among the children of a larger growth who were no longer amenable to the persuasive suggestions of the dunce cap or birch rod. But Josh was not considered a very desirable acquaintance for the younger element struggling through their R's, and incidentally engaged in the manufacture of bent pins and paper wad calapults on the side. He had great good sense but his grammar was bad and his spelling was worse and he was therefore, no model to set before young America learning the right use of the mother tongue and the father pen. There were natural obstacles enough in the way of the acquisition of a good command of the language without having the faulty models of Josh Billings added.

The view of the *Arkansas Optic*, already quoted, will probably be endorsed by the great majority of teachers of the deaf, and by members of the I. p. f. with the possible exception of the *Minnesota Companion*. From cover to cover each issue of that paper is an admirable school journal, well printed, ably edited and interesting,—but we do not think it ought

to give space to such effusions as those of Ichabod Crane as long as they are not expressed in good English. The criticism of Josh applies with equal force to the pen fruit of Ichabod—bad grammar and worse spelling. In my mind Ichabod would have a wider reading and a greater appreciation if he should forsake the school journal, where he does not belong and where he does more harm than good,—and transfer his activities to some newspaper that is fearlessly independent and gloriously free and "not backed by a school for the deaf with a printing office." Such a change would not only place him in more congenial company but would also extend his reputation. In fact it would make it so national that it would fit the country just like a map—conforming faithfully to the bulge of the western coast and the "hawg"-like appendage of Cape Cod.

Caney, Kansas, which we visited recently, has a population somewhat less than three thousand but as many adult deaf residents as one would reasonably expect to find in a city of forty thousand inhabitants. The thrifty, progressive, respectable and deaf citizens of Caney are industrious, respected members of the community. Almost without exception they own their homes and several own property rented to others. The superintendent of the Caney public schools is the son of deaf parents.

A new monthly paper for the deaf, the *Silent Success*, published by Messrs. Elliot and Morehouse, at Graham, Mo., has made its appearance. It starts out well, and at an opportune time, and in view of the backing it has it seems to have come to stay.

Mr. Howard L. Terry, of Marionville, recently won four ribbons and two prizes with his white plymouth rocks at the recent Pierce City poultry show.

Norman Merrell, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Merrell, has joined the U. S. Navy.

Miss Grace Koehler stopped off for a day on her way from Trenton to her new field of labor at the Guthrie School for the Deaf and while here gave a reading of some folk lore stories before a good sized and well pleased gathering.

A life-size bust of the Rev. Henry Winter Syle now adorns my study—thanks to the Rev. C. O. Dantzer and other friends at All Souls, Philadelphia.

J. H. CLOUD.

### South Dakota

It is learned that Francis C. Gueffray is holding a position in a printing office in Salem, Oregon.

Otto E. Brorby was kept busy doing carpenter work near Madison for about two months. He is now at Canton for a rest and on a visit. He visited Mr. and Mrs. Olof A. Olson at Sioux Falls Jan. 4.

Herbert Charles, formerly of Sioux Falls, is now at Spokane, Wash., working in a laundry at good wages.

Mr. and Mrs. Olof A. Olson celebrated their first wedding anniversary last November 20th.

The last of November Edward P. Olson built a 16x36 feet shed for R. J. Hewett, two miles east of Wakonda, and the first two weeks of November he built a large corn crib and barn four miles north-east of Wakonda, and after that he made some improvements at D. M. Harvey's mammoth barn near the city.



## Pennsylvania.

**C**HRISTMAS with all its joys and pain has come and gone. The rich and well-to-do, as usual, have been remembered and made merry. "To him that hath shall be given and to him that hath not shall be taken away." But the poor—ah the poor. What of them? Many of them are unthought of, unremembered, forgotten. This is the old, old story told over and over again every year. In the pages of magazines and other periodicals of bygone days, we come across the same complaints. It all looks sad. And yet when we come to think of it, is it true?

The efforts of philanthropic men and women, of Church societies, and of the Salvation Army have done much to make the Christmas of the poor and the outcast less gloomy than it otherwise might be. Up the state we read the other day of a rich old bachelor, who requested his local postmaster to turn over to him all letters addressed to "Santa Claus" by children, so that he might be the means of answering the wishes of the children himself. But official red tape, and the inexorable postal laws required that all such letters should be forwarded to the Dead Letter Office, and from thence returned to the wee senders, or where no address is enclosed, destroyed.

But this pain, this aching at the heart at Christmas time, what brings it on? Is it not caused largely by sin, neglect and thoughtlessness? Still, however, all this Christmas loneliness, this *nostalgia*, is brought on, is it not pleasant to look around and see all the efforts that are put forth to make the poor and lonely feel the cheer and joy of the blessed Christmas-tide. How Christ-like are these efforts. Blessings be on these unselfish and thoughtful men and women.

All Solus' Church, as usual, had its Christmas festival on the evening of December 26. Admission was by card, and still the Guild Room was filled far beyond its capacity. As the day is also the birth-day anniversary of Laurent Clerc, the first deaf teacher of the



LAURENT CLERC

deaf in America, in accordance with custom of long standing, the exercises began with an eulogy on the life and labors of this good man by Mr. James S. Reider. The address showed careful preparation and was much enjoyed by the older people present, but the small ones, the children, were restless. They were looking beyond and waiting for the coming of that mysterious man, Santa Claus. Taking these

wee folk into consideration, Mr. Reider hastened through his address and finished it in about half an hour, after which the genial old man from the far North, impersonated by Mr. H. E. Stevens, stepped forth. He was glad to see the little ones once more, and remembered most of them, but he was sorry to see the Assembly room so crowded, and suggested that every one go ahead and work for that long wanted Parish House. Then began the distribution of presents and boxes of candy. And every one was made merry.

At the Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf, in Doylestown, there also was a pleasant celebration on Christmas evening. The affair was planned by Miss Frances Stuckert and Mr. Seneca F. Large, the latter impersonating Santa Claus. A box of gifts and candies was sent by All Souls' Church, and other gifts were contributed by local churches, and so the inmates had a very merry time.

Sad news reaches us of the untimely death of Miss Ethel Holmes, of Warren, Pa. Before Christmas she underwent an operation, and was well on her way to recovery, when she suddenly passed away from heart failure, on the 19th of December. The death is made all the more sad, because she was expecting to be married shortly, and her intended, a most worthy young man, of Corning, N. Y., had just erected a house and furnished it throughout, as well as provisioning the larder for several months to come. The young woman spent several months visiting old schoolmates in Philadelphia two summers ago, and so became quite well-known among the local deaf.

Quite a number of our deaf people have been ill lately, mostly from the prevailing malady, the grip. But none of them have been seriously ill, although most of them felt miserable enough.

Mr. Samuel Cohen, of New York city, but at present a student at Gallaudet College, addressed the Beth Israel Deaf Association in the Assembly room of the Association at 32nd and Montgomery aves, on Sunday afternoon, January 5. Mr. Cohen impressed his hearers very well, with the subject he choose, "A Jewish Pioneer in Deaf-Mute Education." The young man expects after he completes his course at Gallaudet, to take a course in the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York city, in order to fit himself for the work among the Jewish deaf.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Levi Cooper (nee Cornelia M. Rose) on the afternoon of Gallaudet Day, December 10th, a boy.

### MARRIAGES.

Miss Alice M. Leister, of Philadelphia, to Aaron J. Buchter, of Lititz, Lancaster County, Pa., on Christmas.

Miss Victoria Witt and Mr. George R. C. Harper, both of Shamokin, Pa., in Trinity Church, Shamokin, on the evening of December 19th. Both marriages being performed by Rev. F. C. Smielau.

The father of Mr. Gabriel Franck, of East Lansdowne, passed away recently at the advanced age of 76. C. D.

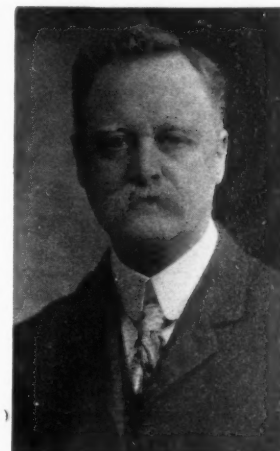
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### Publisher's Announcement

The March and April issues will contain articles about the Federation Plan, by Douglas Tilden. Every N. A. D. member should have a copy, if he cares to follow the progress of this movement.

### The Late Henry Moore

On December 29th last, Mr. Henry Moore, of Toronto, passed away to his eternal reward. He died of acute indigestion and his death was very



THE LATE HENRY MOORE

sudden, coming unexpectedly and casting a gloom of wide-spread sorrow through the land, and everybody, who knew him expressed much surprise at his sudden ending. The deceased was in his 58th year, and was the oldest deaf-mute, in point of residence, who has made Toronto his home. He leaves a widow, formerly Miss Nancy Cronk-wright, of Belleville, and one son, Theodore, now a student at St. Andrew's College, as well as a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn his loss and to whom we extend our deepest sympathy. The funeral took place on December 31st to St. James' Cemetery and was very largely attended. Thus a friend we loved and respected has gone to live in a sweeter and holier home full of love, sunshine and song.

H. W. ROBERTS.

### Lancaster Points

Work around here, both as regards the deaf and their hearing brethren, has been very scarce for sometime and almost all the deaf-mutes in this vicinity have been out of work. Cigar-making is especially dull and as almost all the deaf are cigarmakers the outlook is rather "blue."

Mr. Robert M. Zeigler, supervisor of the boys at the Mt. Airy Institution for the Deaf, is booked for a lecture some time in February. This lecture, which will be given in the Parish House of St. James' Church, Lancaster, will be for the benefit of the Doylestown Home for Aged Deaf-Mutes. It is hoped a nice sum may be realized for this worthy cause.

Mrs. J. C. Myers and little daughter have gone to the former's home in Shamokin, to remain until brighter days down in the working ranks, Mr. Myers having been out of work for several weeks past.

On Christmas Day Mr. and Mrs. Purvis gave an elegant dinner to their immediate families. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hess and children; Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hostetter and children; Mr. and Mrs. William Hackman and son; Mr. and Mrs. Huber and children and several others. A dinner fit for the gods was served by Mrs. Purvis, who is a noted cook, and the guests all had a right jolly time of it.

The boys of the Mt. Airy Institution played a game of football with a picked club of the Millersville Normal students, winning the game easily by a score of 9 to 0 in favor of the Mt. Airy team.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Albright, of Lancaster, spent the holidays visiting the family of Samuel F. Kauffman near Witmer.

G. M. D.

## With the Silent Workers

EDITED BY ALEXANDER L. PACH.

THE telephone has become such a necessary adjunct to man that once introduced in his home he would not part with it under any circumstances. But where a deaf man has hearing members of his household it becomes a greatly depended on fixture, of even more utilitarian value than to a hearing head of a family.

In New York city I know of three such homes having independent 'phones and one deaf man has a private 'phone in his business office. The three deaf men who have their own 'phones also have hearing help-meets. The cost is but ten cents a day, and 600 calls a year are allowed, and of course calls received are free and unlimited.

The possession of the means of instantaneously summoning the family doctor, the police or firemen, gives a sense of relief not readily appreciated until experienced.

There are so many emergencies in which the services are worth many times their cost that make the telephone of such inestimable value. And as a protective measure is so vital that it actually guards life and property and is of itself a form of protective insurance. The women of the household in very bad weather can do their shopping and marketing without leaving their apartment.

Verily the telephone is a wonderful-working miraculous gift to mankind. A gift which we might not now have but for a deaf woman whom a great many of us know and honor, whose husband, whom still more know and honor, was experimenting to find a means of alleviating her lack of hearing when the sound of a great servant's singing, carried over an experimental wire, gave Dr. Bell the discovery that contributed so much to history.

Late one night at the University of Chicago during the Columbian Exposition I saw Dr. Bell recount the details, in the sign-language, of his experimenting and finding what he was not looking for and the next day at the Exposition we saw his original model, exhibited by the patent office. Later the same model was shown in the Government Building at the Norfolk Exposition.

Nearly thirty-five years ago, as a school boy, Dr. Bell's father, A. Melville Bell, brought to my home town the earliest phonograph, and I recall as if it were yesterday his speaking into the phonograph, "There was a little girl who had a little curl," etc., and better still I can reproduce the guttural tones in which the machine reproduced the poem.

The *Silent Success* magazine reaches me and I fear it will have a very *Silent Success*, tho I hope I am wrong. Mr. Elliott, of the staff, has had considerable experience with these ventures and ought to triumph if any one can.

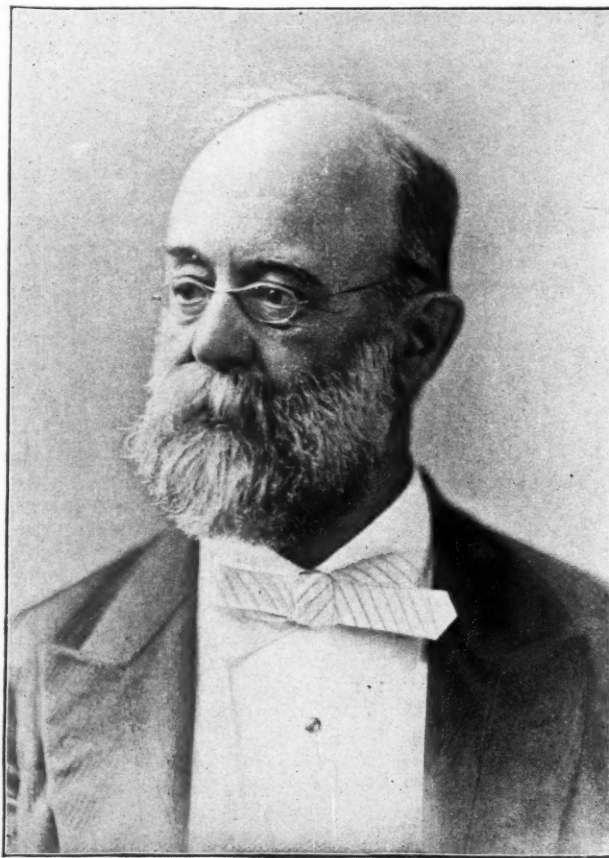
One of the l. p. f., in its roster of officers, uses the title: "Girls Supervisoress."

Why Supervisoress? And if Supervisoress, why not teacheress and principaless?

The Boston Transcript prints a long article by Grace Ellery Channing on "A Study in Infirmities," the special infirmity discussed being that of deaf-

ness. It seems that the writer is quite deaf herself. In the course of this article, which is too long for us to copy, Miss Channing reiterates that story, so often told, of the engineer who was about to be discharged on account of his deafness, but was retained when he proved that amid the jar and clatter of his engine in motion, he could understand spoken words better than persons of normal hearing could. It has always seemed to us, every time we have heard this story or others like it, that it might pay to experiment a little along this line with semi-deaf pupils.

This is a peculiar phase of some types of deafness. I know a passenger train conductor on the New Jersey Central Railroad whose hearing is almost normal on a train in motion, but when it is loading and unloading, in fact at all other times he has to make a "megaphone" of his hands to learn what is said to him and he does not always hear even then.



THE LATE ISAAC LEWIS PEET, LL.D.

There was unveiled on Wednesday, December 4th, in the chapel of the N. Y. Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf a tablet to the memory of the late Dr. Isaac Lewis Peet inscribed as follows:

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 ISAAC LEWIS PEET, LL.D.  
 Teacher 22 years. Principal 25 years.  
 Emeritus-Principal 6 years.  
 LET US REMEMBER HIS NAME AND THE  
 SWEETNESS OF HIS CHARACTER.  
 Born 1824 Died 1898.  
 NEW YORK INSTITUTION FOR THE INSTRU-  
 CTION OF THE DEAF AND DUMB.  
 .....

A splendid oration by Dr. Currier, Principal of the New York School, and the presence of Dr. Peet's only daughter, Miss Elizabeth Peet, marked the occasion. In keeping with Dr. Peet's well-known ideas on the subject, a deaf-mute pupil, Wm. H. Aufort, created the design and the tablet.

There were only a handful of Dr. Peet's old pupils present, as the hour and time found them too busy to be excused from their places of employment, to their intense regret.

A hearing man, of considerable importance in his home city in Pennsylvania, found himself in a Philadelphia hotel cafe on 11th street, one evening recently—but let him tell the story himself, or rather a friend tells it for him in a letter to the deaf-man whose name he mentioned in opening the conversation with the Quaker deaf people:

"I saw ——— yesterday.

He said I should tell you that recently he was in Philadelphia and was in a cafe or hotel on the 11th St. kept by one Mack—a brother of Connie Mack. He noticed a number of mutes there and wrote on a piece of paper—asking if they knew ———. He said as soon as he did it he saw he had made a mistake—a cyclone seemed to sweep through them and they overwhelmed him.

He could not get away and he had to drink and write for the next two hours. He used up all the pads they had writing answers to their questions and they borrowed paper of the proprietor. Before he went to bed he bathed his wrist and arm in liniment and the next morning he had an 'awful head' on. He says it was a lesson to him."

Says the *Alabama Messenger*:

"The initial number of *Courage*, a magazine devoted to the interests of the deaf and hard-of-hearing, has made its appearance. The aim of this magazine is two-fold: (1) to bring cheer and courage into lives that under their deafness tend to become morose and morbid; (2) to bring the deaf into as nearly normal relations as possible with others, to wean them from the too common belief that they are a peculiar people, and to teach them that deafness bravely borne is not a mark of difference but a mark of distinction.

Those who are interested and who believe in this aim are invited to subscribe to *Courage*. The price is only 50 cents per year. The editor is Edward B. Nitchie, a noted teacher of lip-reading in New York City. The magazine starts out with a valuable lesson in lip-reading which will be followed by others. Address: The Surdus Publishing Co., 159 Fifth Avenue, New York City."

I don't know that such a magazine will help the great body of the deaf nor yet isolated cases. Perhaps it is only intended for the partially deaf. I do not know of anything more liable, as a contributing factor to *courage* than a knowledge of the manual alphabet and the sign-language and *work*. Particularly *work*.

The deaf who have no work, or not compelled to work, are the ones that suffer all that goes with morbidity. The unfortunate victims of wealth are the ones most prominent in the public eye.

A grand young man only recently attempted murder and then committed suicide because his mind became unbalanced; and the tragedy came as a result of his parents' overwhelming love for him—perhaps theirs was the only course to pursue—it is the furthestest intention in the world for me to judge or criticise, for the tragedy is over and the deaf world has lost a splendid man. Perhaps had he spent more of his leisure with his fellow deaf the mind might not have weakened to the extent it did.

A few years ago, an idle deaf-man with ample income—a "remittance man," attempted murder and suicide in the heart of New York's "Tenderloin."

Another "income" man in the South killed



his sweetheart and made away with himself.

The man (and woman) who labors each day with hand or brain rarely figures in tragedies of this kind.

The nativity of the silver-spoon infant is the inception of the weakling and the spoiled, proportionately as 1,000 to one of the bread winner by choice or by compulsion.

A great many of the deaf who grew up to inherit wealth are rarely fitted to handle their affairs, fiscal or physical. Happiness comes much more often to the man who eats the bread he earns. To many of those who have great wealth a dollar is bigger than a dime to the working man.

Few of this class ever gather an idea of their possessions, for they never get near enough to it, being victims of administrators, trustees, guardians and the like, and their needs are covered by the "dole."

The man who knows the value of a dollar has the pleasure of working for it and the enjoyment of spending it with the fullest sense of its value.

By an odd distinction it is generally the orally educated that have the wealth. Rich parents pay a thousand dollars a year for the frills of an oral private education, while the other parents sends his child to the State school where hand and eye are educated at the same time and all the self-respect and esteem of others' self-respect is instilled and installed in the highest place.

When private oral school products get out in the world, they are as unfitted for the battle with it as ten-year-old normal children. Snobbery frequently goes with the insufferable air of the self-opinionated and the result is—

Well, we see examples of it every day, don't we?

The deaf who become sculptors, chemists, artists, inventors, scientists, editors, writers, teachers, preachers and business men, are never, by any possibility the products of the private oral school, and rarely indeed products of any *exclusively* oral system.

The why of it is simplicity itself.

To depend on spoken speech the deaf strain the optical nerves and put a tension on the brain itself. Learning bought at that price is dear, is rarely deep, is most always superficial and the strain weakens the whole system.

What are you to expect of the result of such a stilted, artificial make-shift?

In what other educational paths do such high-priced means lead to such low-priced ends?

Then how ridiculous and extravagant are the magazine's claims to bringing cheer and courage and rooting out morbidity in the adult deaf?

### New York

Gallaudet Day in New York was marked by old-time honors to the memory of Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet by a banquet given under the auspices of the Metropolitan Branch of the Alumni of Gallaudet College. Besides the Alumni were ex-students, those who have had honorary degrees conferred on them and as special guests, Miss Virginia Gallaudet and Miss Elizabeth Gallaudet, granddaughters of the man whose name and fame are first in the hearts of the deaf in America. Eighteen "alumnities," to coin a word to fit the specially invited guests who were sorry they had never imbibed at the famous Washington College whose founder added lustre to an honored parent's fame, just as his brother, the loved

Thomas Gallaudet, paved the way for all that has accrued from modest beginnings in great and good religious work among the deaf.

The *menu*, a gastronomical feast worthy of the name, follows:

#### MENU.

Blue Points	
Cream of Tomato	
Radishes	Celery
Turbant of Sea Trout	Montmorency
Cucumbers	Potatoes Persillade
Larded Sirloin of Beef	Nicoise
French Peas	
Roast Long Island Duckling	Apple Sauce
Mixed Salad	
Fancy Forms Ice Cream	
Assorted Cakes	
Compote of Fruits	
Camembert and Roquefort Cheese	
Toasted Crackers	
Coffee	

The post-prandial exercises were opened by the president of the Metropolitan Branch, Thomas F. Fox, B.A., M.A., Litt. D., and the response, a fine address, was by Enoch Henry Currier, M.A.

Then followed short and snappy addresses (with one exception) which were timely and well received. It has come to be pretty well understood that "remarks" mean "remarks" and the man who says most in the fewest words gets the glad palm when he sits down unless he prefers the glad palm as a sign of pleasure and relief for an excruciating tiresome rehash of things that everybody has heard till everybody is weary of twenty-eighty and twenty-ninthly and the third subdivision of the fourth topic, etc., an infinitum and *ad nauseum*.

Taken all in all, it was a gladsome tribute to Gallaudet by the Gallaudeters. Rah, Rah, Gallaudet!

On New Year's Eve., the League of Elect Surds had their annual Watch-Night Festival at Washington Hall, 166th St., and Amsterdam Ave. The exercises were opened with addresses by Past Grand Ruler, E. A. Hodgson and Past Grand Ruler, T. F. Fox, after which the Grand Ruler made the annual address of the lodge's executive and was presented with a handsome silk umbrella.

Other presentations, taking off the foibles of the other members, were made by which time dinner was announced.

At its conclusion the members entered into various contests for worth-while prizes and over a steaming bowl of punch the New Year was ushered in with eclat and the rendering of "Auld Lang Syne."

The lodge entertained one of the founders, John F. O'Brien and Non-resident Brother Geo. S. Porter, as its special guests.

The Brooklyn Club added another to its large collection of medals, on Friday evening, January 4th, when at Schwabian Hall it gave a delightful Masquerade ball, and entertained nearly four hundred guests—more than the usual number being in costume, and most of the costumes were either handsome, novel or original or combined two or three of the features.

The hall is a big one, and was handsomely decorated. There was no vestige of disorder of any kind. All Brooklyn deaf-dom was represented and about half of New York's prominent deaf citizens were on hand.

It was the Brooklyn Club's usual happy-big-family gathering, and those who were not deaf had deaf friends or relatives.

It is a pleasure to hand out the facts of the Brooklyn boys' successes, for the reason that this organization puts on no frills, has

no bosses and is made up of solid working-men. Every year there's a new set of officers from President down, and it does not matter whether the man with the gavel is Beck, or Redington or Kane, Juhring, McLaren, they parade a manly decent self-respecting body of men whether they are entertaining their "four hundred" guests at ball or picnic, or gathering at their comfortable club rooms.

Their organization is a splendid example of what a body of deaf-men can do working for the general weal of the whole; every man Jack ready to work as a leader or wheel-horse, and no "poseurs" who must shine on a pedestal, in the lime-light, or he "won't play at all."

The New York *Sun* rarely makes such a break as happened in its issue of January 5th, in a write-up of the Fanwood school printing office. Such absolute rot sometimes sees daylight in absurd sensational yellows. The harm is done and even so fairly disposed a paper as the *Sun* would not allow a correction.

OBITUARY:—On Monday noon, December 23rd, passed to her reward Jane Elizabeth Hull Williams, at the age of nearly ninety years. It is rare to see the very aged so content as Mrs. Williams was. It was the great pleasure of the writer to have a weekly chat with her for nearly three years and of few women can it be more honestly stated that "To know her was to love her."

The story of her life appeared in the *SILENT WORKER* last year. Mrs. Williams was educated at the New York Institution when it was at 50th street and among her instructors were the now renowned Barnard, Carey, Stone, Porter and Brown.

On July 12th, 1847, she married William B. Williams, who died shortly after the Civil War. Mrs. Williams had been a widow over 40 years, during which time she made her home with her son, Dr. Mark H. Williams, who was her almost constant companion for nearly sixty years. Though Mrs. Williams lost her hearing at the age of two and had therefore borne the inconvenience of deafness for eighty-seven years, she never forgot her early acquired speech. At the breakfast table every morning her audible salutation was "Good morning, boy," and before retiring each day the "boy" was required to bid her "Good night." On the day but one before Christmas, her happiest day of the year, an attack of Grippe which seemed mild at first had developed a pneumonia, from which she failed to recover: for a long time she had been gently led down the declining years, and at the last without pain or struggle. While dear ones watched intently, imperceptibly her spirit took its homeward flight: this passing into eternal life seemed most fitting for one so amiable and patient, whose life was marked by its devotion and loyalty, to her Lord and Master.

"God's finger touched her, and she slept."

Services were held at her late home, 150 West 131st street on Christmas evening, and were conducted by Dr. John Chamberlain and Rev. John H. Keiser, the former reading orally and the later in signs. The committal service at the grave in Woodlawn was read orally and the later in signs. The committal few of those for whom she cared, so much.

### Married

Married, at Pittsburg, Kan., on Christmas day, at the residence of the parents of the bride, Mr. Irvin A. Fisher, of Morehead, Kan., and Miss Jessie O. Winstead, the Rev. James H. Cloud, of St. Louis, officiating. There was a double wedding—a hearing couple, friends of the above, being married at the same time and place and by the same minister orally.

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IN ITS efforts to weld the deaf of our land into a homogeneous and mutually helpful body the Fraternal Society of the Deaf is certainly achieving success.

EXCEPT in a very few instances, parents had their children promptly back on the 6th of January. It is to be hoped that the inconsiderate ones who kept them away "over time" will not be the cause of everybody losing their Christmas holiday in the future.

IT is to be noted with pleasure that the teacher who was summoned from the Northampton School as an interpreter understood signs and spelling. It is quite impossible to know the thoughts and feelings of our little ones, during their early years in our schools, without a knowledge of gesture, and even when our use of it is confined to a very little "acting out," to know them is invaluable.

**Watched Pots** SOME years ago a friend of Mr. Woodward gave him a little shoot of an English walnut tree asking him to plant it in his yard, and saying that while he would probably never eat any walnuts from it he had a son who, some day, might enjoy its fruits. Mr. Woodward planted it, and, least fall, gathered from its spreading branches several baskets of fine nuts, which he and Richard are now thoroughly enjoying. Mr. Woodward, not to be outdone in kindly thought, is now passing the good thing along. The other day he came to Mr. Walker with a handful of the nuts, saying, as his friend said to him, that he should plant them, and that while he might not be able to gather any of the nuts himself perhaps Eldon would. A dozen of the seed have been carefully potted and, while neither Mr. Walker nor his son may live to see the trees, there will be some of the generation to come to enjoy the shade and the fruit and to rise up and call Mr. Woodward blessed.

## The Irony Of Fate

RECENT newspaper advices are to the effect that Mrs. John Albert Macy may lose her eyesight through a traumatic cataract. Mrs. Macy is better known to the public as Miss Anne Mansfield Sullivan, who, for twenty years, was the *fidus Achates* and mentor of Helen Keller. In intellectual attainment, Miss Keller stands alone among the world's deaf and blind, and there are few in the hearing and seeing world who can boast of mental superiority, when compared to her. To the patience, the energy and the love of Mrs. Macy, very much of this is due. Taking Helen at the age of seven years, blind, deaf, without language, without intelligible utterance, almost without thought, she gave her language, speech, and knowledge, saw her pass her college examinations, and placed her beside the master minds and foremost writers of the day. All honor is due for what has been accomplished to Mrs. Macy. Hers has been a Herculean task, a noble one, and one nobly performed. Its true greatness lies not simply in what has been done in the case of Miss Keller but in showing what may be done in the years to come, for the class to which Miss Keller belongs. The teachers of Laura Bridgeman blazed the way. Miss Sullivan made it a wide open avenue, that may be trodden by all the deaf-blind of future ages. It is most sad to think that she is likely, just in the zenith of her years of usefulness, to be enshrouded, herself, in that darkness she has spent her life in trying to penetrate and alleviate.

## Household Economics

OUR list of trades for the boys consisting as it does of printing, half-tone engraving, wood-working, carving, and shoe-making, appears to cover a reasonably wide field. That for our girls has, heretofore, embraced only sewing, embroidery and millinery with the rudiments of general house-keeping. In the latter they have been taught the setting of a table, the care and cleansing of dishes and table-ware, the cleaning of walks, floors and closets, sweeping and dusting, the orderly arrangement of furniture, and washing and ironing. The vitally important department, that of cooking, in its various branches, has, as yet, received but passing attention.

The Committee on our school, at a recent meeting, decided to add a thorough course in the preparation of food for the table. The instructor will be a scientific cook, one who thoroughly understands the chemistry of the work as well as its practical side. Plain cooking, as a matter of course, will receive first attention, but the preparation of the finest and most delicate foods will also be taught, and sick-room and dietetic cooking will be made specialties. The absence of a class-room is our present stumbling block, the lower south room of the infirmary being about the only feasible one in the present juncture. This room is large, well-ventilated, and conveniently arranged, and has a separate door so that it would not be necessary at all to use the main entrance to the building. It is in excellent order and is furnished with a large

modern gas range, and with a reasonable supply of cooking utensils and appliances would make an almost ideal class-room. It is liable though, at any time, to be called upon for hospital uses, and mayhap after all, we shall have to wait for our increased facilities. These now appear to be matters of the near future, and in a very little while, at longest, we shall have scientific cooking added to our list of school arts.

## The Rod

UPON no subject do teachers differ so widely as upon the use of "the big stick." For a long time the pendulum swung largely towards "moral suasion." Of late there has been a strong revulsion in some quarters in favor of corporal punishment. The special committee appointed by the eastern board ascertained it to be the opinion of the great majority of the teachers written to that such methods of correction were the solution of the most difficult of school problems.

Chicago's foremost educators have endorsed the consensus of opinion revealed in the letters to the New York Board of Education favoring a return to a restricted system of corporal punishment in the public grade schools.

Professor Albion W. Small, of the University of Chicago, former head of the National Educational Association, said:

"I advised this method ten years ago and critics wiped the ground with me. But I am sure that it is the right step. I hold the principals, at least, should be empowered to exercise judicious use of corporal punishment. This will be an extreme that will always hold unruly children in check. Now they grow lawless, knowing that no real punishment can be visited on them.

"Chicago parents are violently against such a procedure, I know, and it would take a hard campaign to change them. But this is the worse for Chicago. Our school children now grow up with the defiant knowledge that they are not bound to respect the teacher, which breeds contempt of many other forms of government."

Judge Tuthill, presiding in the Juvenile Court, said: "Spank 'em. It will keep them from getting bad or bold. The trouble which is revealed in my court daily is that the world begins punishing after a child gets bad, instead of before, thus keeping him or her in check.

"Such punishment should be systematic, however, and restricted, a specific penalty for a specific offense. No harm can come of chastising a boy or girl in manner not cruel, or dangerous, when such punishment is meted for a stated breach."

These conditions may prevail and these rules apply in Chicago and New York, but New Jersey has no part in this "consensus of opinion." Superintendent Baxter when he sets his face strongly against whipping in our schools not only upholds the rigid law upon the subject, but reflects the opinion of nine out of ten teachers in our state. Incurable children have no place in the public school. Others do not need the rod.



## School and City

Mary Mendum's sister Lottie was a recent visitor.

Both our basket-ball teams are playing with great success this year.

What would we do without our gymnasium these inclement days?

Our weather-vane, for months *in statu quo*, is on its rounds again.

Lily Hamilton has promised the girls a visit in the near future.

Fannie Brown dined with her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, on Sunday last.

Class "A" has taken up "Civics" and is devoting a period each day to that study.

The complete works of Dickens in half calf are the most recent accession to our library.

A tiny bit of green just peeped from one of the English walnuts we have planted, this morning.

A blizzard has no terrors for Mr. Newcomb. He is up all night with his snow-plough if necessary.

Snakes and toads are reported to be coming out of their winter quarters, the harbingers of an early spring.

The victory of the Silent Workers over the Marshall basketball team was a matter of surprise to everybody.

The crowd that witnessed the Marshall-Silent Worker game, on Monday night, was the largest of the season.

When we are short of locals we only have to mention it to our big boys and girls, and in a trice we have lots of copy.

We had a visit from his honor, Mayor Madden, on Sunday. He expressed great satisfaction with the condition of things.

Had we been located out in the country we would have been "dead to the world" for at least a week, during the recent storm.

The discussion we have of local, state and national items of interest in chapel, on Tuesday mornings, is most edifying to all.

Joseph Adlon had a pleasant surprise from home, last week, in the shape of a fine new sweater of the school colors, pink and black.

The maple, named after President Hays, is already twenty feet high and gives promise of being one of the handsomest on our lawns.

Carmine Pace has developed quite a genius for detective work, and soon gets to the bottom of any possible mischief that may be brewing.

We have had but one half day's skating all winter, and are all beginning to long for a few days of the sport we used to enjoy so much.

Margaret Kelly, a little one of eight, is a recent arrival. She says she likes us all, and that her teacher, Miss Vail, is especially "good."

Joseph Adlon expresses great satisfaction at the circumstance that "Old Sol will soon be here with sufficient force to warm up Mother Earth."

One of the lost brings to the office the news that there are "many mumps, throats and grip" in the hospital. We did not think it was so bad as all that.

Frank Messick has been laid up for several days with a sore limb. It is rapidly healing now, however, and he will soon resume his place at his studies.

Nellie Tice was unfortunate enough to be badly bitten by a dog while at home, the latter part of December, and still carries a large scar as a reminder of the incident.

Would you believe it, Frieda Heuser, Clara VanSickle, Hattie Alexander, Cornelia DeWitte and Sadie Penrose had a snow-ball fight the other day, the little hoidens.

For the first time in the history of our school every child went home for Christmas, and a nice little vacation was thus afforded to the members of the household.

Mamie German's sister has promised Mamie and Annie Bissett a visit and says that, when she comes, she will "take them to town." That doubtless means a nice time.

Old Mr. Owl is back and has taken up his residence in the same big hole in the oak to the east of the industrial department, where he is an object of perennial interest.

Marie Sieben was one of those who wrote to Santa Claus before Christmas, and he must have received her letter for she got the most beautiful doll for a Christmas present you ever saw.

Miss Cornelius thought that nobody knew when her birthday was, but, when a big bundle of congratulating cards was placed in her hands, woke up to the fact that somebody had given it away.

Albert Neger, William Felts and Louis Hartpense are anxious to make themselves useful, and take a hand wherever they can. It is especially funny to watch their efforts when they make their beds.

Mr. Sharp took a delegation to visit the State Prison on Thursday. They were cordially received by Mr. Osborne and given every opportunity to see the workings of that great correctional institution.

Charlie Bofinger informed his teacher on Friday that he had just "received an encouraging letter, containing fifty cents," from his mother. There certainly is something encouraging in that sort of letter.

We have been reading of the ravages of the grip for a month, but it was not until a week ago that it slipped in among us. Once seated it took complete control, and the names of the patients have since been legion.

There have been quite a few cases of typhoid in Trenton during the past three months, but, thus far our school has not been invaded. This is probably due to the fact that we use boiled water and hygeian ice.

There have been but three serious breaches of discipline during the month, and the three little boys who forgot themselves are down for the most severe punishment within our province. They will not be allowed to take the trip to Philadelphia.

The boys have watched with a great deal of interest the doings of the New York walking club, and take daily spins when the weather permits. Our Superintendent shares the interest and frequently slips off on a six or eight-mile trudge before supper.

Erwin Harrmann and Eliza Smith were the earliest to arrive after the holidays.

Our old friend and ex-schoolmate, Eddie Bradley, has organized a basket-ball team in Orange, and a game with them is being arranged for Washington's Birthday. We don't want to be inhospitable to Eddie, but, you know, we are not giving away games.

Theodore Eggert says that cerebro spinal meningitis, typhoid fever, and pneumonia are all bad enough, but for real down "hurt" the tooth-ache beats them all. Theodore ought to know for he has had about the worst case of the latter recently that any boy ever had.

One of the most delightful little affairs of the Christmas holidays was the party at Mamie German's. Mary Sieben, Annie Bissett, Adela Silberman, Mary Turner, Mary Winger, Joseph Adlon, John Golden, Isaac Lowe, and DeWitt Staats were among the guests, and all report a glorious time.

Our lawns promise to be more beautiful than ever this spring. The children are already beginning to watch them with zealous eyes and to confine their romping to the gymnasium and open grounds. They know that the carpetings of green will be all the more enjoyable to them for this temporary care.

We have had at least one real down winter's day. It came on the 24th, and a howling wind, and a swirling snow that almost shut out the day, with a temperature of about fifteen degrees left little to be desired in the way of winter. In spite of all every teacher was at her post and our work went on without the slightest interruption.

Catharine, the little daughter of Mr. R. B. Lloyd, received a very beautiful hand mirror, comb and brush from her brother Rowland in Portland, Oregon, for Christmas. The backs of the articles are made of stag-horn and they are very artistic. Catharine is delighted with them. Her brother left Trenton for Washington six years ago to teach in the Vancouver School and she has not seen him since.

All available library space is filled and the wood-workers have started on sectional cases for the chapel. They are to be run along just above the wainscoting. Four are already in place and several others are on the way. When they are completed they will not only fill the long-felt need of book room, but will be very ornate and make a handsome finish to the assembly-room.

Fanny Brown had a narrow escape from death, while at home during the holidays. She was returning to her home, when a bullet struck her in the side inflicting a painful flesh wound. Had it not been for a corset steel which deflected the ball, it probably would have caused her instant death. No one knows whence the bullet came, but some careless person, in celebrating the passing of the year, had probably used a pistol loaded with ball.

Mr. Goodwin, Superintendent of the North Carolina School for the Deaf, spent Tuesday with us and made a thorough examination of our work. He had many interesting things to say about his own school, dwelling with especial pleasure and pride upon the instruction in farming he is giving there. It seems that he is devoting especial attention not only to crops but he has the finest cattle and hogs in the state from the sale of which the school derives considerable revenue. His enthusiasm upon the subject is unbounded, but then, you know Bro. Goodwin lives in the midst of a farming country while our children come largely from manufacturing centres.



## NOTICE

Following a policy which has been in force with the writer of the Owl Column for the past sixteen years, no notice whatever is taken of articles written by irresponsible persons who hide behind a *nom de plume*. I have been informed who "Henri Du Pre" is, but so long as said writer is not manly enough to attach his real name to the output of his pen, so long will I continue to ignore his wrtings entirely.

R. E. MAYNARD.

## Sensitive Ears and Sensitive Nerves

QUOTING from a writer in the *Vossische Zeitung* (Berlin) through a translation in the *Literary Digest* we come across the following interesting bit of science from the old

world in regard to the effect of noise on the brain and ears, and naturally the question arises as to why the advocates of better school hygiene point out that more care is taken to spare the eyes of the pupils, and so little is said of the delicacy and sensibility of the ears. The finer the brain is the more grossly it is disturbed in its activity by purposeless impressions on the ear. The same may be said of the sensitive power of feeling noises by the deaf whose nerves are extra alert on account of their deafness, and whatever is a disturbance to the brain of hearing persons through the ear, is likewise a hindrance to the brain of the deaf through the nerves:—

"This very suggestive view of the effect of noise is supplemented specifically by the serious attention given by European pedagogy to the various phases of deafness among children. For instance, modern psychology has demonstrated that the loss or even only the injury of any one sense signifies the unmistakable injury of the mental faculties. Modern pedagogy, therefore, seeks to repair through educational measures the effect of lost or poorly developed senses. This is done chiefly by assigning to another and healthier sense the functions of a weaker sense. As far as possible, moreover, an effort is made to cure the faults of development themselves. This phase of activity, unfortunately, is marked by very little progress, for, beyond the small number of those who can treat with scientific certainty any disturbance of the senses, there is very little comprehension of the insidious effect of external opposition to the latter."

"In regard to disturbance of the sense of hearing this can be caused, for instance, by the intrusion of foreign particles and bodies, by an insufficient or unusual secretion of the wax of the ear, by dangerous agitation of the bones of the skull by blow or fall, and by the development of abnormal growths in the cavities of the nose, and frequent aggressive sound, especially in the city. Educators have, therefore, an incentive to give prompt and zealous attention to the care of the ear among pupils, for they must know that the sense of hearing is of very great importance for mental development, in its intellectual as well as in its temperamental phase. In the intellectual phase its importance is based on the fact that it facilitates the study of language of sound, and what would our temperamental life be without the sensibility of the ear? Constantly the external world is influencing our psychic being through the ear. Through sound the most intimate feeling is divulged. Hence the great effect of conversational and forensic art and of music on the human temperament and quality of its impressions a dulled ear is quite different from the normal ear. Even sensibility of vision is diminished by deafness. As the ear has ceased to call attention to many things happening around it, these naturally escape the eye. The effect of this on speech, thought, and conduct reveals the mental defect of different persons with more or less urgency. A child with dulled ears lives in another world, secludes itself, and the false judgment to which it is exposed is a sinister obstacle to the development of its character. A deaf child is a prey to misfortune as soon as it enters the ordinary school, where it must be a laggard and finally be treated as a weakling. For such a child relief may be procured only in a special school conducted by persons who have studied thoroughly the correct treatment of aural defects and their effect on the daily intellectual and temperamental life of the children afflicted with them."

Those who understand the deaf know how irritating it is to the nerves and brain of deaf pupils to have the door of the school room slammed, chairs pushed noisily about, shuffling and stamping of feet used to draw attention. While this plan of telepathy works alright to the one under call, it disturbs a dozen others whose minds are engrossed on their books or other school room work.

## Hearing the Deaf Talk

AMONG the many wonderful things invented for the use of mankind, brief descriptions of which generally creep into the science and invention columns of our periodicals, there has lately appeared a machine that is a great and decided improvement on the phonograph. We all know that the phonograph, unfortunately, though a wonderful instrument, never reproduces the human voice. It gives back a sound with words, but the "voice" is always the same. A song by the greatest songsters in the land sounds no better than one by the poorest of singers, except as to phrasing, method, etc. In short the phonograph could lie, *i. e.*, while one imagined he was listening to a grand song by the great and only Jean De Reszke, he was in fact listening to one almost as good. Like the telephone receiver of a message, one never gets further than specializing that the sound was produced by the voice of a man or a woman.

But now a Danish inventor has so perfected such a machine that it produces the living voice so realistically that there can be no mistaking its identity. All that can be seen of this delicate instrument's mechanism consists of two spools of silver wire, reciprocal. The wire is two miles in length. It picks up the voice and hands it back to the listener through a transmitter, immediately, just as it was delivered, in strong and good voice or in weak and poor voice. The record is indestructible if so wished.

We have always been taught to believe that no man knoweth the sound of his own voice. This statement will now be revised. Some who have sung into the instrument and later heard themselves sing were startled, and others who heard the voices of these friends in the instrument declared it was as natural as life. The great advantage lies in the fact that, unlike the phonograph, this telephonic device will be unable to lie, and will record every statement and syllable to the minutest detail. This will make it dangerous in the legal profession and in all business where absolute accuracy is demanded.

As a means of recording the voice of the deaf in its various phases the instrument might prove beneficial. Of course, the deaf will not be able to hear themselves speak, but it would be a help to the oral teacher in noting defects or improvements as long as the pupil was under the teacher's instruction. A complete record could be preserved in the spools of wire, and the voice of the deaf child could be noted after it had been under oral instruction for two, three, four or five years, as the case might be. It would show defects in speech and tone of voice that otherwise would escape the teacher where it was not possible for him to concentrate attention to the one particular pupil. It would prove most valuable in connection with regulating the tone and correcting defective speech of the semi-mute. In my time I had, in a measure, to resort to reading the poets to get the right impression of the depth of sound needed and to secure the proper pronunciation through rhyme, for there are very many words in the language that are not spoken as they are writ.

R. E. MAYNARD.

## Observations of A London Headmaster

Mr. Frank G. Barnes, Headmaster of the Homerton Residential School for the Deaf, London, who recently visited some of the American schools, makes the following interesting observations regarding infant schools for the deaf:—Apart from what appeared to me to be the more than doubtful wisdom of grouping in the same classes children varying in age from 3 to 8, the methods adopted did not commend themselves to me. No definite instruction in articulation was given, but the attempt was made to make the children acquire language

in words, phrases, and sentences as a whole. This is no doubt a splendid training in lip-reading, and helps to develop the faculties of observing and receptivity; the baby gabble it encourages helps to preserve the instinct of speech, and taken on the whole these means would be excellent for little deaf children *under school age*; but they should then be placed under definite instruction in the production of the elements of speech, and their language taught on a scientifically arranged plan. It appeared to be a false premise that the eye could be made to assume the whole of the functions of the ear,—and that without special direction and training. Yet this is what those who teach speech in words and sentences seemed to assume. They spoke words to the child, gave orders and commands, made use of the idioms of every day life, and expected the child not only to understand them, but also to acquire the ability to reproduce them without special directions as to the manipulation of his vocal organ. For children with a large amount of hearing, or for those who lost their hearing as the result of infantile disease, this plan may prove satisfactory, but the same means applied to a totally deaf child, without any conception of spoken language, could not possibly produce the same results. With regard to the claim that children passing through a school period of 6 or 7 years under the above conditions could successfully take their places in the grades of the common schools, the general opinion among American instructors was that it was an overstatement of the case, and with this view I entirely agree. It may be possible for specially gifted or specially favored deaf children, but not for the totally congenitally deaf child of average ability.

## London Notes

A bible class for the deaf has been formed at the Y. M. C. A., since the first Sunday of October last. It will meet every Sunday afternoon. Mr. A. H. Cowan is President and Mr. Sim Thompson Secretary-Treasurer. Messrs. Cowan and George McDonald will teach.

Mr. James O. Smith, of Elberis, near Chatham, came here on receipt of a telegram announcing the death of his aged father, which occurred here on November 23rd last. Mr. Smith has the sympathy of his many friends. His father dropped dead suddenly when he stood near the stove. He was 86 years old and he was a colored man.

Mr. W. H. Gould, Jr., and Sim Thompson went to Wonderland last month to attend the funeral of Andrew Griffith, aged 54. Mr. Griffith was educated at the Belleville school in 1871.

We are very sorry to hear that Mr. Nelson Wood's sister, Mrs. Sanders, is very seriously ill at the St. Joseph Hospital. The doctors say that there is no hope for her recovery.

Mr. W. H. Gould, Jr., a cobbler, doing business



W. H. GOULD'S RESIDENCE

at 225 Adelaide street, was recently presented with a nice new house by his father. It is one of the nicest homes owned by the deaf-mutes in this city. He has many liberal customers who admire his work.

Mr. Vernal Morse has purchased a cosy new house on Wyatt street in London West and he is very proud of it.



## Cincinnati Fresh Chips

It's 1908 of the 20th century—so Cincinnati is truly the 20th century "Queen of the West." Here are some fresh chips from this part of Uncle Sam's territory for your 20th century magazine, which is conceded by all to be the best journal for the deaf (no yellowish in it, you bet), never excelled by any, alive or defunct, in years of the past. It is our desire to see the *WORKER* well circulated among the deaf here. And here is my first news-letter from Cincinnati.

According to the latest "silent" directory, there are not less than 200 silent souls residing in and about this old town, and it would take pages to describe the "doings" of them. We only can say that every one of them is doing well and, too, having "all comforts of the world." They have four organized societies, viz: the "Frats," the Anderson Club, the Oral Club and the Xavier Club (the latter entirely a Catholic club). All of them have good members on the list, and have places of shelter, except the Anderson Club, which abandoned its room more than a year ago for some good reasons. But the club still has the same members as it had two years ago and its treasury is in a healthy condition. The social side is always very pleasant.

Prof. R. P. McGregor, of Columbus, was with us on the evening of December 26th, booked for a lecture under the auspices of Cincinnati Div. No. 10, N. F. S. D. The proceeds were for the benefit of the Ohio Home for the Deaf. The lecture was magnificently attended, over 100 being in attendance. Next bill on the list will be Dr. R. Patterson from Colorado, some time in February, under the auspices of the oral club. As Mr. Patterson is well known as a Dr., no doubt the previous records of attendance will be broken. They are talking about engaging a large room.

Mr. John H. Mueller, who is one of the staunch supporters of the N. F. S. D. here, has left town and is now pursuing the mysteries of A to Z at Gallaudet College. He swears that he will wear his "Frat" button through his college life, rain or shine.

We are pleased to note that after several years of labor and patience, the reward has come to Mr. Louis J. Bacheberle. The sale of his latest directory has been very large, very gratifying to him and his friends, and Louis is one of the best and most broad-minded fellows in Cincinnati. He has a warm heart for the advancement and betterment of the deaf at large. His example should be followed by the senseless knockers.

Saw "Billy" Hoy of the baseball fame the other evening. What's the matter with him, has been often asked by outsiders? Well, he's all right. He's enjoying his well-earned vacation during the balance of his life on his little farm a few miles outside of Cincinnati. He has an accomplished wife and two fine children.

The bowling craze is all the rage at present among a few of us. Several hot games are nightly had at a local bowling alley. A game was played one night last week between "fives" from the Anderson and the Xavier club, which resulted in a victory for the former. Another game has been decided between them. Several clubs are being organized among the deaf here.

Mr. Harry Hart, of Chicago, visited Mr. Wm. E. Hoy on New Year's Evening, and the next day he departed for his home. He was on his way from New York city.

Dentist Clancy has moved his "den of dentistry" to the 8th floor of the Union Trust Skyscraper. "Take the elevator to the 8th floor and save money," is his motto. His new place is very comfortable in every respect.

The many friends of Rev. George Flick, himself a Cincinnati boy, are rejoicing over his call to Chicago. They all wish him success in his new field of labor at the city by the lake.

There is a large powder mill near Lebanon, Ohio. Among the hundreds of workmen is Lewis Miller, himself deaf and dumb, but shrewd in

business. There were three terrific explosions at the mills within the past three months. Some workmen were more or less injured, but Mr. Miller still works there and never had a scratch since he began working there twenty years ago. The life insurance companies should look him up for a proof. Mr. Miller is a member of the N. F. S. D. See!

Prof. Alfred Wood is still in town, taking life easy, but still keeping his left eye open for something to his liking. We have had occasional "hold-ups" with him of late, always finding him in a jovial appearance.

Messrs. Barrick and Vance, both war horses of the '80's, are still residing in town, very seldom seen by us. They are aged considerably, preferring to give the reins to the younger generations.

Reports from Colorado say that Mrs. Vance and her children have left Boulder and taken up a house in Colorado Springs to keep boarders. No word about Mr. Otis Vance. Mr. and Mrs. Vance were residents of Cincinnati years ago, and they still have some warm friends here, who would be pleased to know how Mr. Vance is getting along far away.

January 5, 1908.

E. I. H.

## Eastern Canada

The members of the St. John Deaf-Mutes' Association held a pie social on the evening of Friday, December 6th, 1907, the object being to raise funds for a Christmas present to the pupils of the school for the deaf at St. John, N. B. "Auctioneer" Rennick showed himself to be a past-master on the contest for the word picture he drew of each toothsome sinker. He made the boys dig deep to land the dainty prize. After all the pies were disposed of, it was found that the affair had netted the tidy sum of fourteen dollars (\$14.00). Not a bad job for Hugh Rennick.

An event of great interest to the deaf-mutes, of St. John, N. B., took place at the residence of Mr. S. M. Stanton on the evening of Wednesday, December 18th, when Mr. Harry M. Hampton was united in marriage to Mrs. Louisa Leaman (nee Miss Louisa Smith, of Millford, N. B.) The ceremony, which was a pretty one, was performed by the Rev. J. C. B. Appel, of Douglas Avenue Christian church. The bride was handsomely attired in white silk and had as bridesmaid Miss Annie Crawford, while Mr. E. E. Price supported the groom. The different clauses to the marriage were interpreted to the contracting couple by the bridesmaid and best man and the ceremony was performed without the slightest hitch. There was a large number present, many of them deaf-mutes. The happy couple was in receipt of many beautiful presents. After the conclusion of the ceremony a bounteous wedding supper was served and was enjoyed by all present. Mr. and Mrs. Hampton will make their home with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Stanton, No. 159 City Road, till spring.

Much sorrow was expressed when the news of Mr. George H. Morse's death spread. He died on the 30th of December last, in Bridgeton, N. S., of apoplexy from abscess on brain and was aged sixty-four years. He had suffered for several years with pains. The deceased was a brother of Mrs. T. D. Ruggles and Mr. Coolin Morse, both of Bridgeton, N. S. Mr. Morse was educated at the Halifax school for about eight years under the principalship of Mr. J. Scott Hutton and was one of the brightest scholars there. He was a great favorite with friends and acquaintances in his native town.

The St. John Deaf-Mutes' Association held its "at Home and Entertainment" in their quarters on Prince William street, St. John, N. B., on New Year's Day, January 1st, and it proved a most successful affair. The rooms were beautifully decorated with bunting, flags, greenery and pictures. Two large mottos with the words: "A Happy New Year, 1908" and "Welcome to All" were in evidence. The supper room was tastefully arranged. A large red bell was suspended from the centre of the ceiling

over the supper tables and spiral streamers of colored crinkled paper radiated from it to the sides of the room, making a charming effect. The committee did their best to make the evening pleasant and Mr. Geo. S. Mackenzie, of Moncton, N. B., president of the Maritime Deaf-Mute Association, had a most warm welcome there, which made it lively and jolly. The affair lasted from four to eleven o'clock P.M., and before departing for home the guests claimed no such a fine time was ever had and it was a most enjoyable one. The guests numbered fifty-two, friends and relations included, (thirty-seven deaf-mutes and the rest hearing) and it was a most pleasing sight to watch the ladies and gentlemen carry on lively chats and laugh, wishing each other a Happy New Year when they entered into the rooms. At 5:30 P.M. a very fine supper was served with plenty of turkey, roast pork, cranberry sauce, vegetables, etc., and took up nearly two hours, being all that could be desired. When supper was ended, adjournment was made to the club parlor where interesting addresses were delivered by Mr. Baillie, the local president; Mr. Geo. S. Mackenzie, Mr. T. D. Ruggles, Mr. Alfred Harvey, Mr. E. E. Prince and Mr. Doherty, the secretary, also Mr. J. Harvey Brown, (father of Mr. Chester Brown) who was heartily cheered. Then various games were played and were much enjoyed. Those outside of St. John, who were present in response to the invitation were:—Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Trenholm, Sackville, N. B.; Mr. T. D. Ruggles, Bridgeton, N. S.; Mr. Alfred Harvey, Mr. Gregory O'Brien, Halifax, N. S.; Mr. Elderkin Allen, Amherst, N. S.; and Mr. Geo. S. Mackenzie, Moncton, N. B., and they all returned home very much pleased at having such a pleasant and enjoyable time and sorry that the others who were invited did not attend. A number of flashlight pictures of the guests were taken during the evening.

The committee of the above association deserves a great deal of credit for its great success and Miss Beatrice McLean is to be congratulated for her untiring work for the supper. Mr. J. Harvey Brown, who takes interest in the association, is the deaf-mutes' best friend and father.

MACK.

## Mary Carrigan Burned to Death

PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 16.—County Physician McBride was notified to-day of the death of Mary Carrigan, a deaf-mute, seventeen years old, in a fire that destroyed the post office building at Haskell yesterday. The victim lived with the family of Moses Clark in a house opposite the Laflin-Rand powder works, on the main road, between Pompton and Midvale.

On the ground floor was the post office and a general store, and the Clark family occupied the second floor. Early yesterday the members of the Clark family were awakened by fire, and hardly had time to make their escape. When they discovered that Miss Carrigan had not got out of the building, it was too late to go to her aid, as the house was in flames.

When the ruins had cooled search was made for the girl's body, and it was found burned to a crisp. Miss Carrigan's parents live in Midvale.

It is said that the indications point toward incendiarism, and it is thought probable that the building was set on fire to cover up robbery.—*Evening World*.

## Baptisms

The Rev. J. Cloud, of St. Louis, officiated at Caney, Kan., December 26, and baptized fourteen, six children and eight adults: Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Haworth and their daughters Olive and May, Mr. Marion Kelly and his daughter Annie, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin A. Fisher, Mr. Robert Martin, Miss Laura M. Doty, Mr. Charles E. Cunningham, and Glen, Irene, and Edith children of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Martin. From Caney Rev. Mr. Cloud went to Guthrie, Okla., where he had services and gave readings at the state school for the deaf.



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### Editorial.

Fraternal Insurance Societies do not charge high rates to pay dividends on watered stock and record-breaking salaries of officials.—L.

Toledo Division believes in advertising. We have received samples of the little "booster" it is distributing among the deaf in its territory, and they are neat specimens of the art preservative.

Our Grand Recording Secretary, John H. Mueller, of Cincinnati, has entered Gallaudet College to complete the course. His fraters and friends everywhere will wish him all possible success.

Each member will find a good argument to put before his friends who are on the fence in the



CHARLES P. COKER,  
First Vice-President, N. F. S. D.

article printed under the head of "Beauty of Fraternity" in the January issue. And besides, how much more its statements apply to the deaf, when we stop to think of it.

What value the Society is proving to its members in time of sickness and accident may be seen by a glance at the Treasurer's reports. For the months of November and December such claims paid amounted to a total of \$290, an unusual showing in comparison with the same months of a year ago—\$100.

Several of our Divisions are showing they appreciate faithful service from their Treasurers by re-electing them. Among the "long service men" are Mr. Frederick, of Louisville, 8 terms; Mr. Lawson, of Cincinnati, 5 terms; Mr. Powers, of Chicago, 3 terms; Mr. Cory, of Dayton, who has just retired from that office, served 6 terms, and Mr. Chapman, of Nashua, has been treasurer of his division since its organization three years ago.

We notice that there is a breaking down of the prejudice among old line insurance companies against the deaf as desirable risks, as evidenced by

the appointment by the New York Life of Mr. Ritter as a special agent for the deaf. This is a good departure. But between old life lines and the fraternal insurance societies there can be no comparison. In old lines if the insured should lapse in his payments within two years through hard times or sickness he loses every cent paid in. While on the other hand the fraternal societies' charges are moderate and most of them carry sick benefits which help in paying the dues. However, life insurance is the best investment any one can make, and the more one carries within his ability of paying for it, the better his financial standing.—L.

A brick by itself is of little value, but thousands of bricks laid one on another with the accompanying mortar make imposing edifices; a book by itself is soon read and thrown aside, but with thousands of others it creates a large library and brings about an improved intellectual status in society; a single man generally is of value to himself only, but in armies they make and unmake empires and in societies they make life more enjoyable and profitable to one another. So likewise with the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf. Every member by himself cannot afford to provide for sickness and death without paying a good large sum, while by the small contributions made by hundreds he is spared anxiety for his immediate wants and is assured of his family being provided for after he is gone. In the N. F. S. D. the cost is less two cents a day. Can you afford to stay out?—L.

### Official Notices

The new Constitution and By-Laws, new member's certificates and new due books have been printed and each member will receive his through his Division Secretary.

Members can save their Division Treasurers a little extra work if they will write their names on each check in their new due books before sending them to the Treasurer.

A call was issued in the December Frat Department for the Division Trustees to report to the Grand Division as to their examination of their Division books up to December 31. Some have not complied with this and they are requested to attend to it at once.

Division Secretaries will kindly advise headquarters as to the regular dates of their business meetings.

Division Secretaries and the Treasurers will take particular care to see that the new certificate numbers are entered correctly on their books and statements. In issuing these new numbers all void certificates, through resignation, expulsions, deaths, etc., of former members, were thrown out and the latest numbers represent the bonafide present strength of the Society.

As ordered by the Cincinnati convention the Board of Directors has withdrawn from the funds of the old organization (taking it from the balance left to the credit of death assessments) \$200 and turned it over to a special board of trustees (in trust) appointed by Louisville Division for the payment at the proper time of the death claim of Andrew Yiesla, of that Division, who so mysteriously disappeared over a year ago. The trustees so appointed are Messrs. Lee, Hartman and Frederick and they have deposited the amount in trust in a Louisville bank at interest.

In the application for charter for Michigan City



Division the name of William H. Garwood was substituted for that of J. H. Geary, Mr. Geary, having left that city and so was not eligible to sign the petition. The charter has been granted as per the amended petition.

In the future no charge will be made for constitution and by-law and due-books; they will be included in the outfit furnished each new member gratis.

The matter of getting out new Division Charters will soon be taken up by the Executive Committee.

On January 13, 1908 the Insurance Department of the State of Michigan issued to this Society a Certificate of Authority to transact the business of the Society in that State.

Members receiving their new certificates will at once affix their signatures in the proper space in the upper right-hand corner on same.

If each member would enter in his new due book the name of the month on each page, from January to December, 1908, it will make less work for his Division Treasurer.

### Special Notice

Richard L'H. Long, Grand Corresponding Secretary, offers the prize of a maltese cross watch charm bearing the Society's emblem to the member who obtains the largest number of accepted applications for membership up to and including May 1st, 1908. This contest is not open to State Organizers.

### Important Notice

The Grand Corresponding Secretary thinks one important addition to the Constitution was made and passed by the Cincinnati convention which failed to get into the records, and wishes to call the attention of those who were officers and delegates of the convention to this fact and would be pleased to learn whether it is correct or not:

"Article XXIV, Section 1—(Election of Subordinate Division officers). Each Division shall elect a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Director, a Sergeant, and one member of its Board of Trustees in December of each year. The officers so elected shall be installed into office at the first January meeting, and they shall hold office for one year or until relieved by their successors, excepting the members of the Board of Trustees, who shall hold office for one, two and three years respectively."

In case this addition was passed (as the delegates may remember) headquarters will arrange for its insertion in the newly issued Constitution and By-Laws.

### Elections of Division Officers

The following are the results of the recent elections of division officers.

CHICAGO DIVISION—President, Frank A. Spears; Vice-President, Fred W. Sibitzky; Secretary, G. A. Christenson; Treasurer, Robert A. Powers; Director, Louis Wallack; Sergeant, Washington Barrow; Trustee, Antony Novotony.

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LOUISVILLE DIVISION—President, Edwin O. Herr; Vice-President, Ambrose Gadbury; Secretary, George Hartman; Treasurer, J. J. Frederick; Director, Patrick Dolan; Sergeant, Roy Conkling; Trustees, George Hartman, Roy Conkling and Fred L. Harris.

LITTLE ROCK DIVISION—President, Charles P. Coker; Vice-President, R. E. L. Cook; Secretary, Leon B. Powell; Treasurer, Harry B. Shibley; Di-

rector, Sidney W. King; Sergeant, B. T. Allison.

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DAYTON DIVISION—President, Harry G. Augustus; Vice-President, Isaac Shimp; Secretary, Jackson Bates; Treasurer, J. Ernest Pershing; Director, Charles H. Cory; Sergeant, Frank O'Neil; Trustee, Charles H. Cory.

BAY CITY DIVISION—President, Henry Reams; Vice-President, Alfred Pudvan; Secretary, George B. Hanson; Treasurer, Daniel Murphy; Director, Senophile Brosseau; Sergeant, Julius Kittle.

CINCINNATI DIVISION—President, Samuel J. Taylor; Vice-President, Isaac Goldberg; Secretary, Emil Schneider; Treasurer, Joseph Lawson; Director, John F. C. Schutte; Sergeant, William H. Kilgour; Trustee, John E. Melampy.

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MICHIGAN CITY DIVISION—President, Charles E. Merchant; Vice-President, George Sattler; Secretary, Benjamin Berg; Treasurer, George W. Hayes; Director, Monroe Allman; Sergeant, Albert Mercer.

### Division Notes and Personals

Ed Des Rocher, of Chicago, had a fifty-cent Havana given him Christmas and, generous soul that he is, broke it up and distributed pipefuls among the less fortunate brethren.

Chicago Division held its installation of officers December 28 together with an informal social. J. H. Mueller, of Cincinnati, was the Division's guest during the evening. Mr. Mueller spent four days at headquarters enroute for Washington.

On Christmas Day Saginaw Division combined business with pleasure, holding its regular meeting and election in the afternoon, and serving supper and listening to a talk from Mr. Gibson, of Chicago, in the evening. The Bay City members attended, their city being only 15 miles from Saginaw, and Mr. Gibson had the pleasure of renewing many old acquaintances and making new ones.

Cincinnati and Milwaukee Divisions are using their new robes and their members claim they have the two best initiation teams in the society.

Cincinnati Division will celebrate its second birthday on February 22 with a big social affair.

Milwaukee Division's first annual ball masquerade ball January 11 was another success to its credit.

Chicago's annual masquerade ball will be given February 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sutter, of Milwaukee, are entertaining a brand new little girl.

Messrs. John Shea and W. E. White, of Nashua Division, were elected respectively president and secretary of the New Hampshire Mission at its recent convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Piskac, of Chicago, have a son and heir who arrived November 10, and Mr. and Mrs. Spalding one who came December 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stewart, of Chicago, are visiting in Streator, Ill.

Ralph Huhn, of Ann Arbor, Mich., was married to Miss Schwein, of Toledo, Ohio, November 27.

Fred Shatwell, of Rockford, Ill., is taking an enforced vacation owing to a strike lockout.

Fred Hyman, of Chicago, was married to Miss Anna Weisser, of St. Louis, December 8th.

Messrs. Otto Langner, William Tischeaefer, Samuel Sutter and Richard Nordwig, of Milwaukee Division are respectively, president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer of the Lutheran Congregation of that city.

Brother H. Blachschleger's sister died at her home at 1522 Central Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio, of inner spasms. She was 9 months years, couple friends of the above, being.

John A. Welter, of Marshalltown, has gone into the chicken business. He now has a flock of five hundred birds. They include five varieties.—*Lowell Hawkeye.*

### Treasurer's Statement

Covering the term from July 1 to November 30, 1907, inclusive, and being the final report of the funds of the old organization.

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance, June 30.....	\$3,133.79
Fees, Dues, etc.....	1,614.00
Interest.....	24.62
Total.....	\$4,772.41

#### EXPENDITURES.

Benefit Claims.....	\$ 415.00
Viesla Claim, In Trust.....	200.00
The Frat.....	60.47
Expressage and Expressing.....	3.80
Office Expenses.....	27.19
Rent.....	65.00
Stamps and Seals.....	5.15
Badges.....	18.20
Treasurer's Expenses.....	4.50
Refunds.....	20.85
Convention Expenses.....	452.20
Salaries.....	140.50
Advances.....	10.00
Electrotypes.....	10.41
Cor. Secretary's Expenses.....	8.75
Printing.....	35.75
Stationery.....	12.78
Gas.....	7.65
Board of Trustees Expenses.....	5.50
Services.....	50.00
Silent Worker.....	50.75
Legal Expenses.....	32.50
Fin. Secretary's Expenses.....	4.75
Advertising.....	6.00
Rec. Secretary's Expenses.....	.66
Ex-Cor. Sec'y's Expenses.....	5.50
Bond Premium.....	7.50
Organizers' Expenses.....	163.50
Total.....	\$1,824.86

#### RECAPITULATION.

Total Balances and Receipts.....	\$4,772.41
Total Expenditures.....	\$1,824.86

Balance November 30, 1907..... \$2,947.55  
Note—The above balance of \$2,947.55 was turned

into the treasury of the new organization (the N. F. S. D.) December 2, 1907. Its standing as to the various funds is as follows:

### Standing of the Funds

At the close of the term ending Nov. 30, 1907.

Funds	Bal.	Receipts	Expended	Bal.
	June 30			Nov. 30
General,	\$ 709.89	\$ 735.58	\$1,177.36	\$ 268.11
Benefits,	402.23	408.66	415.00	395.89
Reserve,	672.89	163.46	.....	836.35
Emergency,	672.89	163.46	.....	836.35
Legal,	108.95	81.73	32.50	158.18
Home,	336.44	81.73	.....	418.17
Death,	230.00	4.00	200.00	34.00
San Francisco,	.50	.....	.....	.50
Totals,	\$3,133.79	\$1,638.62	\$1,824.86	\$2,947.55

### Treasurer's Report

From December 1 to 31, 1907.

#### BALANCES.

From Last Statement..... \$2,947.55

#### RECEIPTS.

A. M. Martin, Fin. Sec'y..... \$ 360.45  
Seal Refund, Flint..... 2.00  
" " Columbus..... 1.75

Total Balances and Receipts..... \$3,311.75

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

Sick and Accident Benefits—  
F. A. Spears, Chicago.....\$ 20.00  
Roy Grimse, Chicago..... 30.00  
George Gaddis, Chicago..... 10.00  
Jos. Fisher, Cincinnati..... 15.00  
D. C. Sampson, Louisville..... 15.00  
C. H. Holland, Saginaw..... 20.00  
N. Plestatcheck, Milwaukee..... 5.00  
W. Slonkowski, Dayton..... 20.00  
Office Expenses..... 5.98  
Board of Trustees Expenses..... .75  
Stationery ..... 18.10  
Clerical Services..... 35.00  
Insurance Dep't. Expenses..... 4.50  
Expressage ..... .34  
Silent Worker..... 25.55  
Printing ..... 4.25  
Rent ..... 13.00  
Electrotypes ..... .98  
Rubber Stamps..... .80  
Treasurer's Expenses..... 1.00

Total Disbursements.....\$245.25

#### RECAPITULATION.

Total Balances and Receipts.....\$3,311.75

Total Disbursements..... 245.25

Total Balances, December 31, 1907...\$3,066.50

### Exposition of Funds

Showing amounts on deposit, name of depository, and cash in Treasurer's hands December 31, 1907.

\*Illinois Trust and Savings Bank.....\$1,027.05  
\*Hibernian Banking Association..... 921.88  
\*Northern Trust Company..... 233.24  
\*Royal Trust Co. (Savings)..... 504.00  
Royal Trust Co. (Checking)..... 342.65  
Cash In Treasurer's Hands..... 37.68

Total Balance December 31, 1907...\$3,066.50

\*Interest bearing deposits.

### Financial Secretary's Statement

Covering the six months from July to December, 1907, inclusive. Receipts shown by Divisions, and in their several classes:

DIVISIONS	PEBS	DUES	FRAT	ASSESSM'TS	SPECIAL	TOTALS
1	\$ 87.00	\$ 425.50	\$ 42.10	\$1.00	\$ 2.10	\$ 557.70
2	27.00	181.50	18.15		.90	227.55
3		43.00	3.95			46.95
4	54.00	106.50	10.65		1.20	172.35
5	17.00	99.00	8.70	2.00	.30	127.00
7	7.00	37.90	4.15			49.05
8	7.00	68.50	6.85		.30	82.65
9	7.00	32.00	3.20			42.20
10	17.00	82.50	8.25		.90	108.65
11	91.00	74.50	7.10		1.50	174.10
12	7.00	38.00	3.95			48.95
13	15.00	26.00	2.60			43.60
14	19.00	62.50	6.45		.45	88.40
15	12.00	20.50	2.05			34.55
16	19.00	37.00	3.70		.60	60.30
17	22.00	55.00	5.50		3.90	86.40
18	7.00	15.50	1.55			24.05
	\$415.00	\$1,405.40	\$138.90	\$3.00	\$12.15	\$1,974.45

### Financial Secretary's Report

From December 1 to 31, 1907.

#### RECEIPTS.

Chicago Division.....\$ 98.55  
Detroit Division..... 32.45  
Saginaw Division (Dec. and Jan.)..... 10.90  
Louisville Division..... 15.95  
Little Rock Division..... 23.25  
Nashua Division..... 12.10  
Dayton Division..... 13.90  
Bay City Division..... 6.05  
Cincinnati Division..... 15.00  
Evansville Division..... 57.90  
Nashville Division..... 4.40  
Springfield Division..... 1.65  
Olathe Division..... 17.90  
Flint Division..... 11.95  
Toledo Division..... 7.30  
Milwaukee Division..... 20.35  
Columbus Division..... 10.85

Total Receipts.....\$360.45

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

Forwarded to Treasurer Barrow.....\$360.45

### Applications For Membership

(Up to and including January 7, 1908.)

Sherman A. Retz, (Chicago).....DePue, Ill.  
Collins C. Colby, (Flint).....South Haven, Mich.  
Alfred F. Wood, (Cincinnati).....Cincinnati, Ohio.  
Charles D. Lewis, (Little Rock).....Little Rock, Ark.  
Arthur J. Meehan, (Chicago).....Chicago, Ill.  
Ladislaus Kroplewski, (Chicago).....Chicago, Ill.  
Jamie H. Becton, (Nashville).....Dyer, Tenn.  
William E. Kesterson, (Chicago).....Castana, Iowa.  
Floyd Coleman, (Evansville).....Brooksbury, Ind.

### Death Benefit

The Society guarantees to pay the family or legal heirs of every member the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) on his death under the following conditions:

(a) If he has been a member of the Society over one year.

(b) If he is in good standing at the time of his death (that is, if he has kept up his monthly assessments and is not indebted in any way to the Society).

(c) If death does not result from walking on railroad tracks; suicide, delirium tremens, alcoholism, habitual indulgence in any poisonous drugs; football game, bicycle or automobile racing; indulgence in any lewd or unlawful acts.

(d) If a member joining the Society should die from sickness within twelve months from the date of his application one-half (\$250) of this beneficiary amount will be paid.

(e) In case of death by accident or from the effects of an accident the full amount will be paid regardless of the time one holds a membership in the Society.

### The Temple of Silence.

ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA

To the ordinary citizen comes a feeling akin to awe as he enters for the first time the building of the Adult Deaf and Dumb Mission in Wright street, and is shown the cosy social parlors, the commodious hall and pretty chapel, exquisite in its simple adornment, where those whose lives are an unbroken silence find rest and communion and fellowship with others of like affliction. And not with those alone, for who can bestow sufficient praise upon the great souls not so bereft who at infinite pains have made themselves acquainted with the speech of finger and of gesture to cheer and benefit their fellows who are deprived of hearing and of speech? Such a meeting as the annual gathering, which took place recently, is a revelation in what can be accomplished to lighten the way of the deaf-mutes, and it is wonderful to watch their sharp and eager eyes following the interpreter, as with deft and swift motions he conveys by visible signs to the minds of the deaf and dumb the sentiments uttered by the speakers. Every movement is watched with the closest attention, and a gesture almost incomprehensible to the normally endowed person seems to convey a wealth of meaning that would require whole sentences of speech. There is a vast range of expression in this gesture language, and in an instant the interpreter will recover himself, form an attitude conveying the ludicrous situation in a joke and assume a posture indicative of pathos or reverence, and vice versa. Most of the speakers erred, perhaps, in too much reference to the affliction of the deaf and dumb for their addresses to be of great interest to that element in the gathering; but the Rev. J. G. Raws dropped into a series of anecdotes which appealed to the members of the mission, and made their eyes sparkle with delight. The story of the man who said, "I drinks well, I eats well, but when there is a job of work to do I'm all of a tremble," was keenly appreciated by them, and the actions of the interpreter in imitating the tipling and the gorging and the quaking were eloquent beyond utterance; and even the subtle fun was not lost upon the deaf and dumb in the narrative of the bookseller, who, being asked if he had Abercrombie's "Mental Faculties and Moral Feelings," replied, "I have no mental faculties, and am afraid I have not my moral feelings either."

### Blind Deaf-Mute To Assess Taxes

SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 12, 1908.—In his fight for tax assessor, Wilhelm Gleason is saying much, as he is deaf and dumb, but he is assured of election.

"My affliction of blindness will not militate against me," said Mr. Gleason, speaking excitedly with his hands, "since I have been looking up my friends, and they assure me that I am the man for the place.

"I shall make my appeals for support on the stump. The argument has been made that because I have a few infirmities I should not be selected for this important office. I make answer to this with the declaration that few tax assessors use any of their faculties in assessing taxes. This being the case, it follows that a deaf, dumb and blind man is most eminently fitted for the place.

"One thing is certain, I shall not hear any appeals from assessments and I will be guided only by my own judgment. I hear that my opponent is minus both his legs. This convinces me that he has but little support."—N. Y. Herald.

On the morning of the Third Sunday in Advent, following the practice of the Church for ages, the Right Reverend the Bishop of Ohio administered the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation at Grace Church, Cleveland. In the class of the Rev. Mr. Bubbs, the Rector, were two deaf-mute women, who had been prepared for the reception of the Rite by the Rev. Austin W. Mann. The Bishop's Address, interpreted manually, was based on the words of Christ, "Follow me."



## With Our Exchanges

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"What I most need is somebody to make me do what I can. To do what I can, that is my problem; not what a Napoleon or a Lincoln could do, but what I can do. It makes all the difference in the world to me whether I bring out the best thing in me, or the worst,—whether I utilize ten, fifteen, twenty-five or ninety per cent of my ability."

"Whatever you do in life, make any sacrifice necessary to keep in an ambition—arousing atmosphere, environment that will stimulate you to self-development."—R. W. Emerson.

There are many Jewish deaf people in both New York City and Philadelphia. In the former city they have organized a church and in the latter steps are being taken to the same end.

Last Saturday when John Lynch was trying to jump on the burro's back, he missed it and fell on the ground. The burro saw him falling, and ran away with her mouth open. She seemed to be laughing at him.—*Alabama Messenger*.

Quite a number of deaf boys have secured regular Saturday afternoon jobs over in town. The citizens of Fulton frequently go out of their way to help the boys and as the boys do good work they are well paid. Value received both ways has a tendency to prolong business relations.—*Mo. Record*.

We teach trades, and it is my proud boast that I have never signed a diploma for a graduate who was not able to earn his living at some handiwork learned while at school. I should like the ability to earn \$2.50 per day a condition necessary to graduation.—*Thos. P. Clarke, Supt. Washington State School*.

Mr. Hanson is making an honored name for himself in Seattle, Washington, says the *North Dakota Banner*, as he is now considered to be one of the city's best architects. During the summer he was supervising architect and constructor of a \$150,000 building and now he is in charge of a \$200,000 church which is being built a short distance from his home.—*Pelican*.

A team representing the School for the Deaf and another the School for the Blind played football in Columbus, Ohio, recently, the former winning by the score of 26 to 0. How the blind players could follow the ball and find the goal was a mystery to the spectators.

At the Columbus, O., School there is a little deaf boy who has lost both of his legs above the knee. He does not seem to mind either misfortune, for out on the playground he plays ball and other games with the boys of his size and age, Leslie Oren, the deaf and blind boy, and he are great friends.

We have been requested to announce through our paper that the *North Dakota Banner* has suspended publication temporarily, because the printing office is being used as a quarantine hospital. A case of small pox developed among the boys, and was promptly isolated in the printing office. It is hoped that the disease will spread no further.—*The Companion*.

Painters at work on the dome of the capital at Washington found in the gutter below the first bangle a woman's bonnet, four derby hats, ten straw hats, two ham sandwiches, thirteen cents, a nursing bottle, and a sparrow's nest containing thirty eggs. The sparrows must have planned a corner in the egg market for no hen or sparrow could cover three dozen eggs with prospects of hatching them.—*Colorado Index*.

A correspondent from Columbus, Ohio, makes mention in the *Deaf-Mutes' Journal* of a deaf man of that city as being successfully engaged in bee-raising, Joseph Leib, by name. Aside from working in a rolling mill, he devotes his spare time to bee raising. He has hives of his own in the city and at the home of the aged and infirm deaf. He has been successful thus far, and is becoming known as a fine breeder of the honey gatherers. Recently he received a check from a man in far off Maine for a hive of Italian bees.

In Whitewater, Wis., a few days ago, a deaf boy was playing on the street when a runaway horse came along at a terrific speed. A girl of twelve years saw that the horse must run over the boy unless something was done and as there was no time to reach him she picked up a stone and made a good throw and hit him in the back. He turned and saw the horse and made for the fence. Girls have always been made fun of for their awkwardness in throwing, but in this case no boy could have done better.—*Michigan Mirror*.

The *British Deaf Times* gives an account of the trial of a suit for libel against Henry Labouchere, brought by Dr. H. N. Dakhyll who professes to be able to cure deafness. Mr. Labouchere, in his paper, *Truth*, called Dr. Dakhyll a quack and warned his readers against sending him money for the treatment of deafness or any other disease. The jury found for Mr. Labouchere, and judgment was given accordingly, with costs.

Dr. Crouter, Supt. of the Pennsylvania Institution, in a lecture before the International Conference of Teachers of the Deaf, in Edinburgh, Scotland, said that he appreciated the value of the sign-language method and freely acknowledged the value of the work accomplished under it. It would remain a valuable factor for purpose of communication among the adult deaf, but its place is not in the classroom. Its place, and with him its only place, is in the lecture room, or assembly hall, where are gathered together large numbers of adults for religious or secular purposes.—*Exchange*.

One day recently, as Miss Grace Taft was reading a copy of *The Advance* she showed it to a friend, saying with pride, "This little paper is printed by the boys of the Illinois School for the Deaf."

The friend appeared much interested and remarked, "Indeed and can they read it after it is printed?"

Another lady sitting near said "I suppose there has been a great improvement in teaching the Deaf. They no longer teach them the raised letter, do they, Miss Taft?"

Both ladies are women of culture and broad experience but their words show how little the deaf are known and understood.—*Exchange*.

Mr. William C. Ritter, of Hampton, Va., has secured the agency, as a special national representative, of the deaf, for the New York Life Insurance Company.

Mr. Ritter in a circular designates this company as the best for the deaf in existence, and we unhesitatingly endorse this recommendation, having carried a policy in the company for the past several years, and having studied its rules, conditions, standing and other advantages.

This company has agencies in every city of any size in the United States. Ordinarily a deaf-mute intending to take out a policy would apply to the agent in his town, but Mr. Ritter has secured the special privilege from the company of writing insurance for the deaf, no matter where they reside, and the applicant should make it a matter of duty and class pride to give the preference to an agent who like himself is deaf.—*Deaf American*.

The conductor of this page has been insured in the New York Life for more than twenty years and as far as he can discover has paid no more than a hearing man would.

The *Mo. Record* "has never known a deaf girl to hold cases in a regular printing office." We can put the *Record* on to quite a number. We do not know what the practice is now but formerly the girls were given the advantages of the printing office in Wisconsin and many of its graduates made good in printing office, one of them in particular having steady work in the office of *Ford's Dairyman* at Fort Atkinson in that state.

Many years ago Iowa taught some of her deaf girls the printer's art and many of them held cases after leaving school. One of them was for a long time (and we think she is still doing it) worked in an office in Chicago. The deaf girl printer is by no means an unknown quantity and other states can probably furnish their quota of them, as well as Kansas, Wisconsin and Iowa.—*Deaf Hawkeye*.

The Nebraska *Journal* comes enlarged and improved in many ways. One of the most becoming improvements is the omission of the word "Mute" from the title. The term, besides being in bad taste, is a misnomer since to be unable to speak is not the distinguishing mark of the class for whom the paper is published. Deafness—not the inability to speak—is the "hall work" of the class, and inability to speak, where it exists, is simply an attendance circumstance. The *Standard* began its existence as *The Kentucky Deaf-Mute* and was published under that name for twenty years, but the name was changed for the reasons given above. The terms "mute" and "dumb" are gradually disappearing from the literature of the profession and the official titles of Schools for the Deaf. We are glad to see Nebraska get into line.—*The Kentucky Standard*.

Deafness is, with some people, largely a matter of habit, says a writer in the *New York Press*. I know men who cannot hear you two feet away, though you bawl at them; yet at the distance of a block they will grasp your faintest whisper.

Some are deaf for convenience, some for fraud, some for hypocrisy.

Beware of the sham deaf man.

One of these was old Matt Griffin, long ago an Assemblyman from Delaware County. By courtesy, deaf members received front seats in the Assembly, while others usually draw lots. When old Matt was excused from drawing, a fellow member hotly protested. "But the old man is deaf as a post," said the Houseleader.

"Deaf!" exclaimed the protestant, "Matt Griffin! Why bless your honest soul, he could hear a ten-cent piece ring in a bag of feathers!"

Mead Hall, the new building at the State School for the Deaf, Vancouver, Washington was formally opened and dedicated on Friday evening, December 6.

Mead Hall is a brick building, two stories and basement, 119 by 50 feet on the ground. The building is intended for a dormitory and gymnasium, and will accommodate about 150 boys. The basement is devoted to work rooms and play rooms. The southwest corner room is the printing office, a large, airy room with plenty of light. In the rear of the center of the building are located the bath and toilet rooms. These rooms are furnished with the most modern shower baths. In the southeast corner is devoted to the lady supervisor's room and a sick room. The entire second floor is given up to the gymnasium, which gives a floor 115 by 56 feet with fifteen-foot ceiling. The gymnasium is left in the rough with white-washed walls and undressed rafters.

The entire \$25,000 appropriated by the legislature has been devoted to building a substantial, commodious building, with an eye to utility and comfort. The greatest good gained by the new building is that the pupils who sleep in the attic of the old building, exposed to great danger in case of fire, will now be in this building within fifteen feet

of the ground while asleep. There will be more school rooms and better accommodations for the industrial department.

In addition to Mead Hall an appropriation of \$8,700 has been spent in remodeling the interior of the old building at this school, and putting in a new heating plant.—*The Washingtonian*.

Miss Delight Rice of Columbus, teacher of the deaf and dumb in Manila, has planned a trip covering more than 1000 miles, through a mountainous territory inhabited partly by wild and hostile people. The trip will be taken on the backs of horses and burros.

Miss Rice expects to take with her two pupils that she has been instructing in order to demonstrate to the natives of the island the benefit of the work.

She has been at the island for several months working for the government and now has 22 pupils. The natives have not sent the students for instruction in the numbers anticipated by the government.

The trip will extend from Manila to the northern boundary of the Island of Luzon, a distance of 500 miles. It will then strike out in different directions so that when she has completed it she will have covered a distance of over 1000 to 1500 miles and most of it will be made on horse back.—*Cleveland News-Herald*.

One can scarcely pick up a paper of late that does not contain some reference to the increasing cost of living. Without a corresponding increase in salaries of teachers, the most underpaid profession will soon begin to feel the effects of changing conditions very seriously. In Portland the five hundred teachers in the public schools have petitioned for an increase of 20 per cent in all teachers' salaries. The item below indicates the same sentiment existing in other parts of the country.

Yielding to public sentiment, the Board of Education of Colorado Springs has granted a substantial increase in the salaries of teachers in the grade schools and High School.

The maximum to be paid the grade teachers was increased from \$780 to \$960. The maximum for lady teachers in the High School was raised from \$1,175 to \$1,400, the gentlemen teachers from \$1,400 to \$1,600. The increased expense to the school district will amount to about \$15,000 annually.—*Colorado Index*.

The late Mrs. Joseph Mosnat, nee Miss Bolt, a graduate of the Michigan School for the Deaf, held her case in one of the leading printing offices in Topeka for many years.

Mrs. Paul Curtis, nee Miss Ida Denton, one of our graduates, used to work in printing offices in Irving and Manhattan, Kan., and also was a local reporter. Mrs. J. H. Cartwright, nee Miss Cochran, a graduate of the Illinois school, was a typesetter in Sterling, Ill., for several years until she was married.—*Kansas Star*.

Girls have been taught at this school some twenty years ago. Miss Eden of our faculty remembers well when she worked in the office along with a class of girls. She was quite successful with it and worked as a compositor for a few years after leaving school and before she began to teach. There are hundreds of hearing girls working in country printing offices throughout the country. They give good satisfaction as they are neat with their work and are steady and reliable.—*Ill. Advance*.

A Virginia father and mother made pathetic appeals through the public press last summer for the recovery of their twenty-year-old deaf son who wandered away from home. The boy has never been in school a day in his life, can neither read nor write, knows no signs except a few crude ones known only to his parents and himself, and is totally unable to give the clue that would lead to his restoration. A reward was offered for his recovery, and, as nothing has been said recently concerning the case, it is probable that the boy has not been found. John A. Lovens, of Boone's Path, Va., is the father, and he has the sympathy of all who are interested in the welfare of the deaf, but at the same time he deserves the criticism that is due him for neglecting to send his boy to school. This "over-fondness" of parents who prefer to see their children grow up in ignorance rather than be separated, is a form of selfishness no less cruel than which keeps a child out of school merely for the work it can do. Both forms result in the most pitiable condition of deafness—ignorance.—*Mo. Record*.

The subject of "system" seems to be one that will never die, in the pages of the I. p. f. It has been discussed until it is apparently thread-bare and worn completely out, then it blazes up in a new place and is attacked with new vigor as if it were inexhaustible. Still after all this, we are no nearer a definite end, no nearer together as it were, than when the subject was first introduced years ago.

This being the condition of affairs, we make a motion before the I. p. f. to drop it for a while, and take up and advocate something that perhaps will be a beneficence to the deaf of the present generation, as we don't think "system" will ever be fully decided during the life time of the present generation.

Our motion not only carries with it the dropping of this subject, but the advocacy and final establishment of a Business School or College, located say, somewhere in the Mississippi Valley region.

This Business College for students who want to take a higher or business course, and for want of time, finances or some other reason just as plausible cannot attend Gallaudet, as we all know hundreds are in this condition.

Still they are not fitted for the position they would like in life, and with the advantages offered by a school of this kind, in a few years they would be enabled to occupy the position, in the business world to which they had aspired.

On the other hand, there are a number of students in United States today, even graduates of Gallaudet pining for clerical work, but with no experience, no business training and no place to obtain this training, they are very much handicapped and will not be given even a trial, whereas if such training was open to them, scores of clerical men would no doubt be turned out fully competent to fill responsible positions.

The school no doubt would be patronized as extensively as Gallaudet, and would be quite remunerative, that is if it couldn't be established on another basis. Do we hear a second?—*Georgia School Helper*.

### Rounds Out 31 Years in Pulpit

After nearly two-score years of activity, Rev. A. W. Mann, missionary to deaf-mutes, will celebrate the thirty-first anniversary of his ordination this week. Rev. Mr. Mann was ordained deacon on Jan. 25, 1877, at Grace Episcopal Church, of which Dr. Washburn, a victim of the Ashtabula disaster, was then rector. The church stood then at Huron road and E. 9th street. Bishop Gregory T. Bedell officiated. He was made a priest six years later at Philadelphia.

Rev. Mr. Mann is the second deaf-mute to be ordained in the history of the church. He is now the oldest deaf-mute clergyman in the world and the oldest priest in point of serving in the diocese of Ohio.

In the years of his mission work he has conducted 5,500 services and performed more than 100 marriages. He has baptized more than 1,000 and has travelled a million miles to cover his field, which embraces the mid-western states. He has established missions from Pittsburg to the Missouri river. He conducted the first deaf-mute service ever held on the Pacific coast, twenty years ago at San Francisco.

To celebrate the anniversary there will be a social at Grace Church Saturday evening. Deaf-mutes will attend from Canton, Akron and other near by towns. There will be a service at 10.30 Sunday morning.—*Cleveland Plain Dealer*, January 24, 1908.

At the anniversary the following affectionate letter from Bishop Leonard, of the Diocese of Ohio, was read:

Bishop's House, Cleveland, Ohio.

January 15, 1908.

Members of St. Agnes' Mission and Others,

DEAR FRIENDS:—I wish that I could be present at your St. Paul's Day Services this morning, but my Episcopal duties take me elsewhere, as I am to be in Toledo; but it is such an auspicious occasion that I must send you this word of affectionate greeting.

Your devoted and faithful Missionary, the Rev. Austin Ward Mann, now senior Priest of the Diocese in canonical residence, is just celebrating the thirty-first anniversary of his Ordination; and his record in our midst, as well as in the American Church, is one of the great fidelity and consecration to your service and to his Divine Master.

You know how much he is beloved by the Clergy of this Diocese, and how much his Bishop thinks of him. For what he has done there can be no earthly recompense equal to his accomplishment.

His record is in the Lamb's Book of Life, and God will surely recognize him when he stands in your midst at the last great Day.

I do wish, however, there was more adequate support for his ministry. Would not this be a good time for each of you to somewhat enlarge your subscription to his support? If each added but \$1.00 a year more, it would only mean two pennies a week, and I believe the poorest and humblest could surely do this. Your gratitude ought to find expression in this material way, and I am sure you will be glad, if possible, to undertake this movement.

Before you separate today, you ought to gather about your kind hearted and indefatigable Pastor and offer him your increased pledges. It will warm and encourage his heart and will do each of you good.

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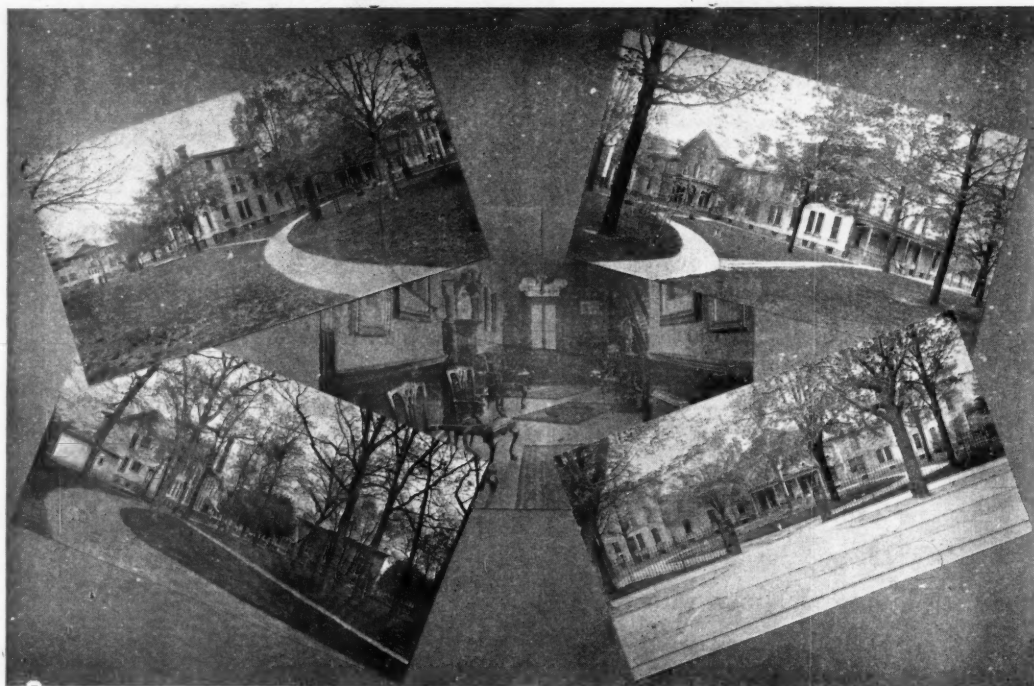
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